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Government Will Accept Company's Bonds Pending Further Legislation.

Transportation Commissioners Will Start Session in Halifax After New Year.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Canada Gazette tomorrow will contain the result of the civil service preliminary examinations.

Circulars to postmasters regarding pictorial postcards says when the back of the card is covered by a picture that space may be reserved for communications on the face of the cards to the left of the address.

The transportation commission announces that it will commence its sittings early in the new year, Halifax and St. John being the first places visited.

After repeated urging Sir W. Mulock at last has decided to increase the salaries of rural postmasters from ten to twenty-five dollars, and those paid on the basis of revenue to get an increase of ten per cent.

The Grand Trunk Railway company has deposited one million pounds of their guaranteed bonds as required for carrying out the agreement, subject to ratification by their shareholders at the general meeting. Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or government security for the deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth today more than par and their value is unquestionable. Such is the official announcement to your correspondent at the conclusion of today's meeting of the cabinet. It confirms last night's despatch, in which it was stated that the Grand Trunk Railway Company had been induced to act as sponsors for the Grand Trunk Pacific. A general meeting of Grand Trunk shareholders will be held in London early in the new year.

The agreement spoken of is the agreement of the last session between Canada and the Grand Trunk Pacific Company. The legislation referred to is that which is required from the Canadian parliament to legalize any deviation from the contract which, as has been previously explained calls for the deposit of $5,000,000 in cash or approved government securities. The guaranteed bonds of the Grand Trunk Railway company in the London market is one per cent over par in value. One of the cabinet ministers informed your correspondent that it did not necessarily follow that the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters could not do anything in the way of furthering their project until the ratification of parliament is secured. Some hold that the mere suggestion of the legislation being necessary meant there would be a session of parliament called immediately, but the statement of the minister is that this is not essential for the present, as the legislation will be just as effective in April or May as in January or February. The Grand Trunk Pacific people are pushing ahead with their surveys and this is about as much as they can do at present.

The treasurer of the Canadian South Africa memorial announces that the amount received up to date for the purpose of erecting memorials over the graves of Canadians in South Africa is $12,720.

F. L. Henry has passed the civil service preliminary examination at Victoria.

CHICAGO DRIVERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Many Livery Stables Tied Up and Outrages Take Place at Funerals.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Sixteen hundred livery drivers, backed by every teamsters union in Chicago, struck today. Nearly 400 livery stables are completely tied up. The decision to strike was reached last night after four weeks' of negotiations for better wages and working conditions. The men have been receiving $12 per week of seven days. The demand is for an increase of $2 a week.

Drivers of hearses went out with the carriage drivers, and as a result funeral processions will be curtailed. Instructions were given pickets not to interfere with the movement of undertakers' wagons, which will be used in lieu of hearses. The first trouble occurred when an attempt was made to conduct a funeral. An undertaker secured enough conveyances to take the body and mourners to the church, but while the services were in progress pickets compelled the drivers of hearse and carriages to desert under threats of violence.

Seventy-five funerals were scheduled for today, some of them were postponed in the hope that the strike would be settled. In other cases the bodies were carried to the cemeteries in undertakers' wagons only. The presence of a large police guard prevented strike sympathizers from attacking a funeral today, when a hearse carrying the body of Mrs. Mary Kucera, followed by a long procession of carriages started toward the Bohemian cemetery. While the police stood guard about the hearse union pickets and strike sympathizers crowded the street and threatened violence to the non-union drivers of the carriages and hearse.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Dec. 18.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending December 17, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal $21,318,868, decrease 4.4 per cent.; Toronto $15,864,281, decrease 9.2 per cent.; Winnipeg $6,024,437, increase 18 per cent.; Halifax $1,862,352, increase 20 per cent.; Ottawa $2,322,563, increase 6.5 per cent.; Vancouver (for Mainland of British Columbia) $1,258,724, increase 29.4 per cent.; Quebec $1,374,629, decrease 11.1 per cent.; Hamilton $1,231,221, increase 20.3 per cent.; St. John, N. B., $900,415, increase 13.2 per cent.; Victoria $853,924, increase 23 per cent.; London, Ont., $884,324, increase, 6 per cent.

NEW SOUTH WALES' WHEAT.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 18.—The official estimate of the wheat yield of New South Wales is 28,570,000 bushels, an increase of 12,000,000 bushels compared with the record of the year 1901. About 18,500,000 bushels are available for export.

HOWARD ELLIOTT'S SUCCESSOR.

New York, Dec. 18.—The directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad today elected Daniel Milliard, of the Erie road, second vice-president of the Burlington system, succeeding Howard Elliott, who recently became president of the Northern Pacific road.

STOLE MANY DIAMONDS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Claims thus far aggregating $150,000 have been presented against Hyman Gattle, a diamond broker who disappeared last July. Bankruptcy proceedings brought against Gattle have disclosed, it is alleged, that he had procured from dealers in Amsterdam, Holland, Utica, N. Y., and this city, diamonds for more than $200,000 on the memo plan, and had pawned much of the goods. Pawn tickets showing a face value of $37,000 have thus far been found, but it is said $30,000 worth of stones cannot be located.

ARTISTIC FORGERIES.

Many Fraudulent Works of Art Produced in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Many Americans who visited Paris during the past year purchased water colors bearing the names of prominent artists, but which were not original, according to the testimony brought out at the trial of a picture dealer. M. Bureau, a merchant, explained that the pictures were purchased from an artist named Raynold, and were sold principally to Americans. The pictures were copies of the works of famous artists. The art world is closely following the proceedings, and is anxious that an example shall be made in order to stop what is believed to be a general practice.

Situation More Unfavorable

Far Eastern Question Viewed With Misgivings at Tokio Yesterday.

Indications That Russia Will Oppose the Japanese in Korea.

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The situation here today is more unfavorable than yesterday.

The publication in the principal papers here of the letter of Mrs. Anita Newcombe Migee, president of the association of Spanish-American war nurses, offering to the government of Japan, through the Japanese minister at Washington, the services of trained nurses, in the event of war with Russia, and has produced an excellent impression and is applauded.

Seoul, Dec. 18.—The attitude of the Russians here indicates a possible determination to prevent Japan from gaining a foothold in Korea. The radicals insist that Japan in possession of Korea would be a constant menace. The latter is for pressing the matter, and has asked for another audience. The Russians are inclined to resent American activity concerning the same, and say that the Americans are playing the Japanese game. The Russians do not object to Americans coming in and trading with Manchuria, but assert that opening of Yong-am-pho and Wiju might lead to the admittance of Japanese. They say that Americans now enjoy a large trade with Manchuria, which except in the matter of flour will largely increase in the future, and insist that the present attitude of America only injures a friendly customer and aids a manufacturing rival.

CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of two hundred prominent business men of this city, it was decided to organize a citizens' alliance for the purpose of combating labor unions and discouraging strikes and lockouts.

UNIQUE FEATURE.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—For the first time in the history of the United States, so far as local records show, a jury composed of six women sat on a case before Judge Honore in the Juvenile court today.

LOUISIANA TRANSFER.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The official celebration in commemoration of centennial of the transfer of the Louisiana territory from France to the United States was begun today. The day's feature was the review by Governor Heard and a party of distinguished guests of the French and American warships which have come here to assist in the demonstration.

MRS. DRAKE ACQUITTED.

Covington, Ind., Dec. 18.—The jury in the Drake poisoning case today returned a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Drake, the defendant, with tears streaming down her cheeks, shook hands with each juror. Mr. Drake was her third husband. He died under peculiar circumstances, and a post-mortem revealed the presence of poison. This was the second trial, the jury in the first one failing to agree.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Church of England Sale of Work Proves a Great Success.

Ladysmith, Dec. 18. —(Special)—The Church of England sale of work, which was held in the Odd Fellows' hall today was a great success. The hall was thronged and a great part of the work that the ladies had for sale was quickly disposed of. During the evening the visitors were entertained with a splendid musical programme. Captain Dillon deserves special mention, his excellent recitations being greatly appreciated by the audience. The Rev. R. J. Bowen sang exceedingly well. Mr. Stewart, with great talent officiated as accompanist. Refreshments were left in the capable hands of Mrs. Boyce, who with the assistance of Mrs. Bourne and several other ladies kindly attended to the large number of visitors who crowded the dining room. One of the greatest attractions of the evening was the fish pond, presided over by Miss Michael. Great thanks are also due to Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Jessop, Mrs. Kiddie and others, all of whom have exhibited great energy in preparing the work, and in conducting the sale of the same.

Dr. W. J. Quinlan, the well-known dentist, has announced his intention of paying regular visits to this town. He will have his office at Captain Dillons, whom he has appointed his agent.

Flora Officers Found Guilty

Capt. Casper J. Baker and Lieutenant Harold F. Grant Were Both Reprimanded.

Court-Martial Holds That Charges of Hazarding and Stranding Were True.

Seagull Perched on Buoy Caused Mistake Accountable For The Accident.

"Bring in the prisoners."

After sitting behind closed doors for some forty minutes, the court-martial had decided upon a finding, and the last scene—a dramatic one—was enacted in the Flora accident.

With their "friends" the two accused officers walked again behind the green baize stand, behind which bar they have stood on trial for several days. Behind them the numerous witnesses, all in full dress, whether bluejackets or commanders, trooped into the Admiral's lobby, where sat the court, now for the first time with their cocked hats on their heads.

On the instant the prisoners noted the position of the swords. The points were toward them—an adverse verdict had been found. Quickly the witnesses who filled the room noticed the points of the swords, and they understood. It did not need the standing judge advocate to read the finding of the court to let them know that the charges had been held to be proved. The swords told the tale.

The court-martial decided that the charges of having by neglect or default caused the hazarding and stranding of H. M. S. Flora on Denman Island on December 3rd, were proven against Capt. Caspar J. Baker, commander of the Flora, and Lieut. Harold F. Grant, navigator of that vessel, and both officers were severely reprimanded and warned to be more careful in future.

Yesterday was taken up with the defence, both officers first making a straightforward speech to the court, in which they held that there had been no neglect, although the fact that a stranding had occurred as a result of an unfortunate set of circumstances, might allow the court to decide that there had been default in that an error of judgment had occurred in regard to the beacon on the opposite side of the channel.

The explanation for this mistake was in that the reckoning made with the engines going half speed, or about 10.2 knots an hour, for fifteen minutes—they were placed at that speed at 7.45 a.m. and the accident occurred at 8.02 a.m.—caused the belief that the cruiser had passed Village Point, and the lookouts were watching for the black beacon with a white cage on the opposite side of the channel. Then occurred the unfortunate circumstances. The fog had rolled in suddenly—evidence was that it came in five or ten minutes—and the supposed beacon was seen on the starboard bow.

Capt. Baker had seen the supposed beacon, the signal man and others as it bore half or a point off the starboard bow, and Capt. Baker stated that the fact that it was distorted in the fog, and that it had a seagull perched on the top of it, had given all who saw it the impression that it was the black beacon for which all were watching. The order to starboard the helm had then been given, with the result that the vessel stranded. When the mistake was discovered the helm was thrown hard aport, and the engines were reversed, but it was too late.

When the court-martial opened yesterday, Capt. C. J. Baker, of the Flora, made a speech for his defence, in which he said: "I do not suppose that there is any position for an officer of any rank and standing in His Majesty's navy which is so trying, and I may say, humiliating, as being put upon trial, after an unbroken and honorable career, for neglect of duties and hazarding and stranding the ship which he has the honor to command. I feel most keenly that my professional ability should now be under trial. I have commanded eight other ships, and in no case has my ability to do in all circumstances even been called in question. I need hardly mention the extreme anxiety that I have gone through after the ship stranded, not only for the safety of the ships company, but for the ship herself, and it is a matter of great satisfaction and gratification to know that the vessel is now in dry dock and that not a single man has been injured.

"The commander-in-chief has been pleased to express his satisfaction affecting the happy result which followed the work of floating the ship in the following general signal made at Union on the morning of December 10th, in which he said, 'The Admiral is much pleased at the excellent manner in which the captain and ship's company of H. M. S. Flora have worked and behaved in the most trying circumstances, and also in the most excellent and cheerful work of the captains, officers and ships' companies of H. M. S. Grafton and Egeria, which has brought about such a satisfactory result.'"

"As for the charge of neglect and default, I may say that these words have different meanings. Neglect is defined as an omission of duty. Default may be an error of judgment, or not according to the weight of circumstances. I submit that there was no neglect, although it may be held that there had been default as a mistake had occurred. I would submit, though, that there were many unlucky circumstances. A safe course was shaped with a good departure; signalmen were on the lookout and leadsmen in the chains heaving the lead. The weather justified me in proceeding, for, as proved by Lieut. Ramsay and other witnesses, the weather was clear with patches of fog.

"The coast line to Denman Island was clearly visible, and I proceeded at 72 revolutions at 7.45 a.m. I took charge of the ship until the anchor was secured and told the navigating officer to steady the vessel on south 60 degrees, which course I considered safe. I heard Lieut. Grant give orders directing the seamen to keep a sharp lookout for a black beacon, and I was about to give the orders to slow down the engines when I saw the black beacon about one point on the starboard bow, which I took to be the Base Flats beacon.

"It was looming up in the fog with a gull perched on it, giving it all the appearance of having a cage on top. It was reported to me as the beacon, and if it had been rightly the Base Flats beacon, it would have been right to starboard the helm 15 degrees, which action I could have taken myself. Hearing the helm being ordered to starboard, I went into the chart room to put a ruler on the chart. This occasion occupied about a minute, and when I came out of the chart room I heard Lieut.

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Russian Reinforcements.

Bizeria, Tunis, Dec. 18.—The Russian naval forces now anchored here, consisting of a battleship (name not given), the armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi, of 5,882 tons displacement; the turret ship Oslabya, of 12,675 tons displacement; the cruiser Auroria, of 6,360 tons displacement, and five torpedo boats, commanded by Admiral Wirenius, will be reinforced in a few days by six torpedo boats, and proceed to the Far East.

TO VISIT IRELAND.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—The Evening Herald today announces on good authority that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland during the Punchestown racing week and attend the races. They will not travel in state.

DREYFUS INVESTIGATION.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The reports circulated to the effect that War Minister Andre has announced the restoration of Dreyfus to the army, are manifestly untrue. The case is now before the special commission of judges, which has not concluded its session, and has not rendered a decision. The war minister has not made any announcement on the subject, official or unofficial.

DIES OF INJURIES.

London, Ont., Dec. 18.—Patrick Upton, the Adelaide township farmer, who was assaulted a month and a half ago by his demented neice, died this morning as a result of injuries received. Upton lived for forty-two days with his brains partially gashed out, and in a paralyzed condition. The neice, who had been his housekeepr for nineteen years, is now in gaol here and will be tried for murder at the next assizes.

Bulgarian Gypsies Invade Nanaimo

Band of Derelicts From Terminal Pitched Camp in Coal City.

Concert at Northfield --- Girl's Hockey Team to Visit Capital.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 18.—The band of Bulgarian gypsies who have been banished from Vancouver, have pitched their tents here. They have informed the police that they leave in two weeks for Honolulu, and have been allowed to establish themselves beyond the city limits for the time being. How they propose to get into Honolulu, seeing that they cannot get into the United States, they do not explain.

A big battle is expected here tomorrow, when the Vancouver Rugby teams come over to play for the cup. Nanaimo has a very strong team this year, including both the Marshalls, the Snowdens and Randle (the latter played on the all-Canadian team which visited England last year), and the struggle promises to be the finest in years. The last time the Terminals met the Hornets in Nanaimo the result was very close, and while Nanaimo has a better team this year, the Vancouver team is, if anything, weaker.

The steamer Connemaugh sailed yesterday morning for the Hawaiian Islands. The Titania is now under the chutes loading for San Francisco, and the Wyefield is waiting her turn at the ballast wharf.

Constable Neen, who has been in the hospital for the last few weeks suffering from an injury to his arm inflicted twenty years ago, but which only recently began to be troublesome, is now convalescent and has returned home. He will hardly be fit for duty this year, however.

A number of Nanaimo people took part in a concert this evening given at Northfield in aid of St. Luke's church. It is not often nowadays that the once prosperous mining village is favored with an entertainment of any kind, and there was consequently a large turn-out of the inhabitants. Northfield, however, is looking up again. Employees of the Western Fuel Company who abandoned their homes there when the mine closed down, and who have lately been assigned work in the new slope at Departure Bay, find their former residences as near the pit head as their homes in Nanaimo, and have, in many instances, moved back again.

The girls' hockey club are practicing whenever the weather permits, for the New Year's Day game at Victoria. They enjoyed an encounter with the junior team, the Hiawathas, yesterday afternoon. The boys' team has been weakened by the loss of several players, including the star, McKinnon, who, owing to business hours, are unable to get out to practice. Victoria will, therefore, have a better chance of avenging the defeat they received here a few weeks ago.

Mayor Manson still refrains from definitely announcing his intentions with respect to the mayoralty, the requisition not yet having been presented. Mr. Geo. Johnson will run in the South Ward. He has served one term on the council, and two years ago had the curiously unpleasant experience of being defeated by the casting vote of the returning officer. Ald. Harris will probably exchange the South Ward for the Middle Ward.

About five and twenty Hornby and Denman Islanders were in town yesterday making their Christmas purchases, a wide-awake merchant and a leading member of the Board of Trade having arranged an excursion for their benefit. Quite a large sum of money was left in town by the visitors.

ENGLISH EMIGRANTS FOR THE DOMINION

Many Already Booking Passage For Next Spring--Soreheads Rebuked.

London, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Intending emigrants for Canada already are booking passages for March, April and May, 1904. Mr. Preston is in receipt of a letter signed by twenty-two Englishmen, passengers on the Bavarian returning to England, from a visit to friends, refuting letters that have appeared in English newspapers from dissatisfied immigrants. Most of the signers have been in Canada from ten to twenty years.

Vancouver Boys Drill

Public Schools Close With Military Exhibition By Pupils in Drill Hall.

Terminal City's Common Sense Method of Solving Cadet Question.

Lord Dundonald Inspects Duke of Conaught's Rifles and Meets Veterans.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The Christmas school term was fittingly closed this year by a military entertainment in the Drill hall. This took place on Friday night.

The military companies of the different schools were inspected and the public school bugle and drum band made their first appearance. After inspection the juvenile soldiers sang the National Anthem, "The Maple Leaf." During the evening a trophy was presented to the winning rifle school team, and each player was presented with a handsome pin from the principals of the schools. A handsome cup was presented for the school rifle team making the highest score for the week, while the pupils in each school making the highest individual rifle score, were presented with medals by the officers of the Sixth Regiment.

The pupil who made the highest average score was presented with a medal from Colonel Worsnop, and the pupil who has made the largest number of bull's eyes was presented with a medal from Captain Stewart.

Major-General Dundonald inspected the local militia Friday night. There were over 200 in line. A large number of spectators were present. The commanding officer was accompanied by his staff, Colonel Denny, Captain Newton, Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., with whom was associated Colonel Worsnop.

Lord Dundonald said to Col. Whyte, in command, that he was much pleased with the excellent parade, and observed with pleasure the steady rank in the march past, the step being very smart. Lord Dundonald said, since the South African war, there had been the impression among many that there was no use for close order in regular warfare, but those who held this opinion forgot that it was necessary to have the close order. He thought the Vancouver militia had excellently executed the figures. He said he felt proud to address the regiment who had sent so many to its country's service, and he had noticed a number on parade adorned with South African medals. He said: "If it were not for men like you, where would the country be, and where would a seaport town like Vancouver be? Your country has need of every man of your stamp." He said a new organization was being formed which would enable a large number to belong to the militia without peace training.

Lord Dundonald expressed admiration for the Vancouver militia signalling corps.

The South African veterans were also inspected, and Lord Dundonald shook each man by the hand and chatted with him. Captain Hart-McHarg, who was himself through the campaign, introduced the men.

The physical drill exercises of the militia was also praised by Lord Dundonald, who then officiated at the presentation of the badges won by the members of the company at the British Columbia rifle matches. At the conclusion of the inspection an informal reception was tendered Lord Dundonald in the officers' mess.

On Friday night the well-known wrestler, John Burg, of Whatcom, attempted to put John Davis, of Nanaimo, to the mat twice in one hour at the City hall. He failed to do so, and Davis won the match and a side bet of $100 by securing a fall.

Burg secured the first fall in twenty-nine minutes. In the second bout Davis threw the Whatcom man after twenty-two minutes.

Messrs. Fraser & Chalmers, of London, England, are building a dredge one hundred feet long and forty feet wide, at Lytton, that is to say, they are putting it together, for the dredge was built in England in sections entirely of steel, and the sections are being riveted in place at Lytton. It is expected that the dredge will be launched in two weeks. The riveting is being done by the Vancouver Engineering Company's plant, but the company are doing their own work. The machinery of the dredge will be installed as soon as the dredge is afloat, and the dredge will be in operation during January.

Griffiths, the suspected hold-up man, is free once more. It was Griffiths' intention to elect for speedy trial. Mr. Pottenger, however, representing the Attorney-General, stated that he had instructions to direct a stay of the proceedings. Griffiths has been liberated owing to the fact that the case in which he and Regan had been accused jointly had been dismissed against Griffiths, as the evidence was not sufficient to warrant to carry him any further.

There was a short session at the Police court yesterday. Oscar Mortimore, a Kanaka youth who gives the police so much trouble, was ordered to be whipped by the police officers, provided the consent of his mother could be obtained. Mortimore was charged with hitting James Barr, of the People's theatre, with a stone.

The Ching Toy perjury case was again adjourned yesterday. Mr. McPhillips appeared for the prisoner, but as he was a partner of the presiding magistrate, objection was taken to his acting as counsel, and the case was adjourned to enable another counsel to be secured.

PHILIPPINE FRIARS' LANDS.

Religious Orders Pleased at Termination of Negotiations.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Considerable excitement prevails in the mother houses of the Dominicans, Augustinians, Franciscans and Recollects over the announcement of the settlement of the friars' lands question in the Philippines. While the fact that a settlement had been arranged was announced to the heads of the orders by the Vatican, the orders learned from the Associated Press correspondent the price, $7,200,000, to be paid. The friars are glad the negotiations have been concluded, but they think the orders got little for the lands, as what they originally asked, $12,000,000, was, they declare, under the estimated value of the lands. The Augustinians had their lands transferred to a company formed in Madrid by the Marquis Di Comillias, the head of the Spanish trans-Atlantic Navigation Company. The Dominicans succeeded in so concealing their ownership of lands that the Vatican itself threatened to punish them severely for having tried to deceive even the ecclesiastical authorities.

Proceedings in The Will Case

Cross-Examination of Rev. Mr. Shaw--Dr. Huntingdon Also on Stand.

Judge Drake Requests L. P. Duff K. C. Not to Bully Witnesses.

The Supreme court proceedings in the case, Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, were resumed at 10.30 yesterday morning, Rev. Mr. Shaw in the witness box.

Mr. Luxton asked one question, and in reply witness explained that he was a clergyman in the American Episcopal church.

Cross-examined by L. P. Duff, K. C., witness stated that Mrs. Agnew's visit was about two weeks before the ceremony. Did not promise to perform the ceremony until Mrs. Agnew's second visit, a week later. Was informed at the same time by Mrs. Agnew that there had been a civil marriage some years before between Alexander Dunsmuir and Josephine Wallace. In the eyes of civil law the contracting parties were already man and wife. Considerable argument was indulged in between counsel and witness, and Mr. Duff asked him if he had ever heard of the man who split hairs between variable winds. Witness refused to answer the question as to who informed him regarding Alexander Dunsmuir's habits. His lordship upheld the witness' refusal and the question was struck out. Witness got definite information regarding Alexander Dunsmuir's habits after the second interview, but had the impression that he was a drinking man on the first interview. The definite information was partly from a lady visitor to Mrs. Shaw and partly from a person whom witness refused to name, at the Occidental hotel, San Francisco. Asked whether witness considered it necessary, and his duty, to satisfy himself as to Alexander Dunsmuir's condition, both mental and with reference to intoxication before he could perform the marriage ceremony, he said he could not answer that question in that way. Witness then outlined the meeting with Alexander Dunsmuir, first outside the Mrs. Agnew's residence and the conversation there regarding the weather and the drive. Had subsequent conversation with Alexander Dunsmuir at the hotel. This last conversation was of about five minutes' duration. Was thoroughly satisfied that Alexander Dunsmuir's condition was considerably exaggerated. Witness could not recall having stated yesterday that, in his opinion, Alexander Dunsmuir was a shrewd man. If witness did say it, he did not wish to qualify the statement. His lordship remarked that he considered Mr. Duff was bullying the witness.

Re-direct examination by Mr. Luxton, only learned from informants that Alexander Dunsmuir was a drinking man.

Dr. Huntingdon, of Oakland, graduate of Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, testified that he met Alexander Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace. Met the latter first at witness' office; she came there as a patient, and subsequently met her at San Leandro. Met Mrs. Wallace first on May 25, 1899, and treated her until the following December. Met Alexander Dunsmuir in November at San Leandro. Was introduced to him by Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Wallace requested witness to professionally examine Alexander Dunsmuir. First conversation was short. Subsequently saw him once or twice, and on latter occasion made the examination on December 8 at San Leandro. The examination was a careful, physical examination, witness having in mind the fact that Alexander Dunsmuir was addicted to drinking spells. Examined heart, lungs, nervous system, reflexes, i. e., manner of speech, eye reflexes, knee jerk; examined condition of muscular system by Romberg test. Found lungs normal, heart slightly accelerated, digestive organs fair, tongue fairly clean, nervous system normal except reflexes were slightly exaggerated. Saw him walk considerably. Went over the house and was shown the whole house. Walk was normal. Found him, considering amount of drinking he had done, in a remarkably able condition.

Court adjourned until 2 o'clock for lunch.

After lunch the examination was continued. The witness testified that, after visiting the new house, he had dinner with Alexander Dunsmuir, and he thought, Mr. Low. Conversation during dinner was regarding the farm. Alexander Dunsmuir ate a hearty dinner and drank one pint bottle of champagne. There was nothing out of the ordinary in Alexander's behavior during dinner. The general appearance of Alexander Dunsmuir's eyes was normal and nothing abnormal about facial expression. Witness left at 8 o'clock. Alexander Dunsmuir spoke with normal expression and did not mumble; he spoke intelligently. The conversation, as a whole, was, on Alexander Dunsmuir's part, expressed intelligently and in a natural manner. He did not speak at all incoherently. To witness Alexander Dunsmuir seemed to have ordinary bright, intelligent mind. Witness, from examination and subsequent conversation, said it was impossible for Alexander Dunsmuir to be suffering from alcoholic dementia.

Cross-examination was conducted by E. V. Bodwell, K. C. When witness examined Alexander Dunsmuir, by Mrs. Wallace's request, was rather surprised to find him in practically normal condition. Sometimes a practically normal healthy man needs medical advice. Witness was asked did he attach any significance to the fact that Alexander Dunsmuir's immediate friends deemed it necessary to have an examination. Found none of the grosser symptoms as described by Mrs. Wallace. Alexander Dunsmuir was not intoxicated when examination was made. Witness' opinion, from Mrs. Wallace's description, was that Alexander Dunsmuir was suffering from alcoholism. A man may or may not recover within a week from alcoholism. The symptoms described were of such a nature that witness could not decide whether the case was one of chronic or acute alcoholism. Witness would most probably have not gone to examine unless some idea was present in his mind of chronic alcoholism. Mrs. Wallace was not, apparently, alarmed about Alexander Dunsmuir's condition when describing his condition. Expected to find a case of chronic alcoholism from all sources of information. Witness stated he considered it good professional conduct to tell what he knew of this case to Mr. Thorne. Mr. Bodwell asked whether witness' opinion on medicine was as good as his opinion of medical ethics. Witness appealed to his lordship to be protected from deliberate insult. His lordship disallowed the question.

The cross-examination will be continued at 10.30 this morning, to which time the court was adjourned.

ANOTHER REVOLT IN HONDURAS

Rebellion Organized and Outbreak Promised After First of the Year

Mobile, Dec. 18.—Advices received here by steamer indicate that another revolution is imminent in Honduras, and that it is expected to take place soon after the first of the year. It is expected to be fostered by ex-President Sierra with the purpose of ousting President Bonilla. On his retirement from the executive chair of Honduras, President Sierra named Senor Arias for president and he was given the position. Then Bonila organized a revolution and over thew Arias, who is now an exile and in prison.

WAR VETERAN'S DEATH.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 18.—General Henry Kyd Douglas, of Stonewall Jackson's staff during the civil war, died tonight, aged 63.

RECORD ICE-BREAKING.

Steamer Hutchinson Finally Reaches Clear Water in Lake Erie.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—At dark tonight the Hutchinson had worked her way into clear water in Lake Erie. It is expected she will reach Buffalo at noon tomorrow.

CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

Additional Experts Who Will Become Members of Commission.

London, Dec. 18.—The following additional experts have consented to serve on Joseph Chamberlain's commission: Emery Birchenough, who was sent to South Africa as a special commissioner of the Board of Trade to inquire into British trade in that country; A. Corah, in the hosiery trade, and R. H. Rede, a flax spinner of Belfast, Ireland.

DEVOTED MOTHER'S VERY SAD ENDING

Providing For Little Ones She Dies of Starvation on N. P. Train.

St. Paul, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Geneva Flaherty, of Duluth, while on her way to her brother's home in Mauston, Wis., died on a Northern Pacific train here today. The coroner's verdict was that death was due to starvation and exposure.

Mrs. Flaherty was accompanied by four children, whose ages range from 15 months to ten years. Her husband is in the Duluth jail on a charge of non-support and it was while struggling against ill-health and poverty to provide for her children that she starved herself.

BOERS TAKE OATH.

Many Recalcitrant Prisoners in Ceylon Listen to Delarey's Advice.

Bombay, Dec. 19.—General Delarey made a speech to the Boer prisoners at Ademadnager today and succeeded in persuading all but ten of them to sign the oath of allegiance to Great Britain. General Delarey spoke for five hours.

STEEL MILLS CLOSE.

New Haven, Dec. 18.—On account of the refusal of skilled laborers of the New Haven Iron & Steel Company to accept a ten per cent. reduction in wages, that mill will close down tomorrow night for an indefinite period. About four hundred men will be thrown out of work.

BABE SLEEPS FOR TWENTY-FOUR DAYS

Nine Weeks Old Girl Awakens Refreshed After a Long Snooze.

New York, Dec. 18.—After having slept for twenty-four days the nine weeks' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Slate, of Third avenue, awakened today. The sleeping of this infant has been a mystery to the medical profession. The sleep was natural, respiration being regular and the pulse strong during the long period of unconsciousness.

The child is fat and apparently healthy, and the attending physician said that she is as well as if she had only taken an ordinary sleep.

POPE LEO'S GIFT.

Left Seven Million Dollars to His Successor.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Rome correspondent of the Figaro says that Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, and one of the executors of the will of Leo XIII was received by the Pope yesterday and informed his holiness that he held a large sum of money, confided to him by the late Pope, with the mission that he should hand it to the new Pope four months after his election. The amount is said to be about seven million dollars.

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To Start Lodge.—W. P. Allan has been granted a commission from the Grand Chancellor of the Knight of Pythias for the organization of a new lodge at Crofton and he will leave, accompanied by S. L. Redgrave on the morning train for the smelter town. Tonight he will organize the new lodge of the K. of P., and after initiating the new members, will then put them through the ranks and install officers.

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"Tommy" at the Banquet Board

No. 3 Co., Fifth Regiment Entertain at Dinner at the Cafe Royal.

Efficiency and Improvement of Corps Themes For Very Interesting Speeches.

Last evening at the Cafe Royal the members of No. 3 company, Fifth Regiment, C. A., held their annual banquet. The diningroom was tastefully arranged for the occasion, the walls being covered with ensigns. The long table, round which the guests assembled, was loaded with the good things in the eatable line, and by way of decoration, a wealth of holly and potted plants lent color to the scene. All present spent a most enjoyable evening.

There were present: Col. Hall, officer commanding Fifth Regiment; Major J. P. Hibben; Capt. D. B. McConnan, adjutant; Capt. W. H. Langley, officer commanding No. 3 company; Captain Ridgeway-Wilson, No. 5 company; Lieut. A. N. Winsby, No. 4 company, and Lieut. T. P. Patton, No. 3 company.

The Sehl-Bantley orchestra were in attendance and helped matters wonderfully with a choice selection of instrumental music during the dinner.

After the toast to His Majesty had been duly honored, cigars were handed around, and a good social time was spent in conversation and anecdotes.

Letters of regret were read at inability to attend from His Worship Mayor McCandless, Lieut.-Col. Holmes and Capt. Currie.

The toast, "Our Guests," was proposed by Capt. Langley, and responded to by Colonel Hall, Sergt.-Major Mulcahy and Corp. Simpson, R. E. Colonel Hall replied briefly. He said he was much pleased to meet the men in the regiment and to thank them for a very excellent dinner.

Sergt.-Major Mulcahy said he felt much pleased to be present, and spoke of the doings of the company and of its general efficiency.

Corporal Simpson said he was a far better eater than speaker, and thanked the committee for the kind invitation to the banquet.

Mr. Hopkins, late corporal U. S. A. Montana volunteers, who saw active service in Manila, was called upon for a song, and responded in excellent style with "The Game of Life," and on being encored, favored the company with "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder."

The toast, "The Mayor and Aldermen," was unresponded to, Capt. Langley very aptly stating the last song was most suggestive.

Color Sergt.-Major Fred. Richardson sang "Down Where the Wurzburgher Flows." He responded with "Tommy."

Captain Langley, in proposing the toast, "The Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery," spoke of citizen-soldiership, and stated that a great many things about it puzzled him, and explained himself by relating how for years the companies had actually tied year after year in gun drill. He spoke of the difficulties which the regiment had to contend with at inspections. The regiment was artillery, and yet every year the drill was infantry drill, which, by regulations, the regiment was not supposed to know.

Colonel Hall responding, thanked the assembly for the very hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He seconded the remarks regarding the equal marking referred to, and stated that he had written to the inspector telling him that the method of marking was "a gigantic farce." The colonel referred to Lord Dundonald's visit, and the lessons to be derived therefrom, and also to letters in the press stating that a certain portion of the population looked with ridicule on the militia. It was no disgrace to wear the King's uniform. He stated that militia should be so trained as to be offenders as well as defenders. He spoke of the action of the Natal government in making military service compulsory to every male in the country. So far Canada had not reached that stage, but the day might come. He spoke of the difficulty in getting men to join the regiment, and stated that it was through supreme idleness on the part of those who refuse more than anything else. A great many members of the regiment were out of work, and he thought that an ordinance might very well be passed stating that no man should be employed by the municipality unless he was either an active militiaman or could show an honorable discharge for three years' service. He suggested that it would make a very good plank to fight the coming mayoralty election. He instanced the case of two men who were discharged by their employers for attending inspection, and for whom he had since got employment, and he assured all present that the two firms guilty of these acts would not benefit much in their business for their action.

Corporal Simpson, R. E., sang a good comic song, "I Wasn't Sure," and responded to an encore by singing an awfully funny song, "Oh, How Rude."

Capt. Langley read a paper on "A Problematic Attack on Esquimalt in July, 1904 by Russia."

The other toasts were: "Other Companies" and "The Ladies," which brought a most successful evening to a close.

WANTS TO FREE INNOCENT MAN

Strange Story of a Wronged Man Told By a Lady Now Visiting City.

Among the guests at the Vernon hotel is Miss Alma Nesbitt, a recent arrival from Portland, and she tells a story of misfortune. Yesterday she said she desired to make public some facts which may result in an innocent man being released from arrest by the United States police. Since her arrival here, she said, she picked up an old paper and noticed a small item to the effect that Norman Williams had been arrested at Hood's River, Wash., for having signed her name to certain papers in regard to a homestead in that vicinity.

"Mr. Norman Williams," said Miss Nesbitt, "is not guilty of any wrongdoing in this respect, for he has a letter from me which I wrote authorizing him to sign my name to those papers. He has always been a friend to me and my mother, and I do not wish to see him suffer when he is innocent. Therefore, if you will make my story public, it may be the means of aiding him.

"We, my mother and I, came from Omaha with Mr. Williams," she said, "and we took up a homestead on Hood's River. That was in 1899. We didn't stay there long before I began to get threatening letters, and I and my mother left and went to Portland. In 1900 I wrote to Williams to have him arrange the papers in reference to the homestead, which was in my name, and sign the papers himself in my name. I don't want anything to do with the homestead there, and he has my letter to that effect.

"I have lost track of my folks. My mother, who has since died, having influenced me to marry a man who tricked me into a false marriage in Portland, and I left him. Because of this marriage I incurred the enmity of my relations, and it may be because they have lost track of me that letters were not sent me to allow of my clearing Mr. Williams. If you will kindly make this story public, it may aid him to secure his freedom."

MARRIED.

GRIMER—MACDONALD—At New Westminster, on Dec. 16th, Lance Grimer and Miss Katie MacDonald.

MOORE—CROCKER — At Vancouver on the 15th inst, by Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, Wm. H. Moore, of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., to Miss Alice Crocker, of Ontario.

HASWELL—KINMOND—At Vancouver, on 17th December, 1903, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, Elliot A. A. Haswell, of Mokritz, Austria, to Alice P. Kinmond of Vancouver.

DIED.

GILES—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. G. Meade, New Westminster, on the 18th inst, Edith, beloved wife of George F. Giles, of Shawnigan Lake, aged 61 years, and a native of England.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 3 p. m., from the residence of W. B. Hall, 54 King's road, and later from St. John's church.

Friends please accept this intimation.

TWAY—At the residence of Mr. Perkins, Glenfield avenue, Lake District, on the 18th inst, John Tway, a native of Jersey, Channel islands, aged 77 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Tway, No. 130 Fort street, on Monday morning, Dec. 21st, at 10:30 o'clock.

Friends please accept this intimation.

IRVINE—In this city on the 17th instant, Robert Irvine, a native of Victoria, B. C., aged 32 years.

The funeral will take place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

GRIEVE—On the 16th instant, at 700 Cambie streets, Vancouver, Hugh Grieve.

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The report that has been circulated in the city that J. E. Church is giving up the collecting business is untrue. If you have any accounts to collect send them in and we will use our best endeavors to collect the same.

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NOTICE.

Tenders will be received up to the 28th December, 1903, for the purchase of:

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Warrant of execution issued out of the County Court at Vancouver in an action, Marion Patterson v. Huge Grieve, for the sum of $152.92 and costs.

Writ of fieri facias issued out of the County Court at Victoria in an action, Turner, Beeton & Company, Ltd., v. Hugh Grieve, for the sum of $468.68 and costs.

Writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court at Vancouver in an action, Jos. Tasse Cigar Company, Ltd., v. Hugh Grieve for the sum of $261.73 and costs.

Particulars of the Roberts-Kitchener Mines, Limited, can be obtained from the secretary of the company at the city's office, No. 18 Trounce avenue, Victoria, B. C.

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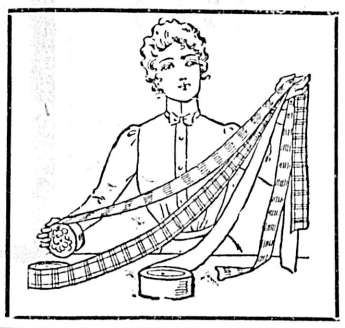

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Dundonald at Westminster

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Says the Country West of Lake Superior Is Practically Defenceless.

The visit to the West of so distinguished an army officer as Lord Dundonald, is of such importance as to warrant publicity being given to his every movement and public utterance in B. C. Upon Lord Dundonald's party arriving at the City Hall, New Westminster, the St. Barnabas' corps of the Boys' Brigade, which was there drawn up for inspection under Capt. Wilkie, Lieuts. Malins and Simpson, and Chaplain the Rev. A. Silva-White, presented arms and were duly inspected. The General had Sergeants Furness, Tildy, and Wright, put the boys through their squad drill, and complimented the youthful non-coms. Then he addressed a few words to the boys. He told them he was very glad to see them, and he reminded them they are now learning to defend their mothers and sisters and homes. Also, he said, they are learning discipline, without which no army can exist. They are all sooner or later, to take up some trade or profession, and these trades or professions would not exist except for peace, and peace exists not by word, but by the rifle, which the boys are learning to use. He told the boys there is very little time for teaching soldiers in camp the rudiments of military knowledge. He hoped to see many more corps of cadets in New Westminster. Canada had been greatly neglected in the military training of youths; in Australia they turn out by thousands. Besides the acquiring of useful knowledge, the boys are benefited physically and they learn nothing harmful. That this is so is seen by the demand among civic employes for assistants who had served in the militia.

Lord Dundonald closed with the suggestion that the boys learn field entrenching and attack and defence of trenches.

Three rousing cheers and a tiger were given by the boys, and the scene changed to the city council chamber, where Mayor Keary read an address of welcome to his distinguished guest.

Lord Dundonald briefly acknowledged the complimentary terms of the Mayor's welcome, but modestly stated that what little he had done in South Africa had been made possible by the men who served under him. He thought that Generals often got too much credit and the men got too little. He said he had one of the finest corps that ever landed in South Africa and it included the Strathconas of Canada, in dealing with whom he found the only difficulty was in keeping them back. As to the improvements referred to by the Mayor, these would only be possible if they received the support of the citizens. The country west of Lake Superior is practically defenceless, but now it is realized the importance of taking steps to defend it in case of need. Hence, at Ottawa, there is now being formed those departments which cannot be improvised upon the declaration of war, such as the Intelligence Department; military survey; signal corps, engineering, transport and supply. The bright side of the picture is the enthusiasm over spreading the Dominion and which, besides increasing the strength of the militia, is generally securing the public endorsement of his scheme for the improvements referred to. He had been criticized in some quarters for incubating a spirit of militarism, but people now see he is but inculcating common sense. Again thanking the citizens for their cordial welcome, the General then held quite a reception, many seasoned veterans, raw recruits and ladies shaking hands with the gallant Lord.

Shortly after 1 p. m. the visitors, Mayor and Aldermen and prominent citizens boarded the Dominion government snagboat Samson, and were conveyed to the salmon hatchery at Bon Accord in which Lord Dundonald was greatly interested. Returning after 3 o'clock the visitors went back to Vancouver well pleased with their stay in the Royal City.

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going those revolutions. No allowance for slow ahead was made as the helm was hard over, and the ship would take some time to gather way. He allowed 8:02 a. m. to be the time the beacon was sighted—the beacon which turned out to be the buoy. The reckoning was made from less than a cable from Union wharf. This dead reckoning would place the ship at 8:02 a. m., not allowing for current, at half a mile beyond Village point buoy. By allowing for tide, the same tide allowed by Lieut. Miles for the prosecution, the ship should have been just a mile beyond the Village point reef. This witness was not questioned by the president or members of the court-martial.

Capt. Caspar J. Baker, commander of H. M. S. Flora, was next called by Lieut. Grant, his fellow prisoner, and after being told by the president that he need not answer any question which would incriminate him, or which he had any sentiment against answering, as was Lieut. Grant. He said the leading mark used to take the ship down the channel, the south end of Denman island, being slightly open, was the same as used in the long range firing guns of a fewdays before. They were then aiming at getting great accuracy of position on this occasion and he was satisfied that this result was achieved by using it. When the beacon was pointed out on the morning o fthe accident lieut. Grant had given orders to starboard fifteen degrees. On a previous occasion he had noticed the Village Point spar buoy. He had spoken to Lieut. Grant about it. His opinion was that the spar buoy was inadequate. On the first trip up Baynes Sound some months ago, he carefully took notice of all leading marks and other marks for aiding navigation, and was quite satisfied about all the pile beacons, but as the ship neared Village Point he remembered distinctly having had considerable difficulty in making out the spar buoy off it. However, it was seen. It was clear on that occasion. On December 3rd, when he first saw this object he had taken it to be the Base Flat beacon. He had no doubt about it. He was well acquainted with the Base Flat beacon, and considered that under the circumstances the best thing possible was done. The object appeared to bear a half or one point on the starboard bow from where he stood half way between the centre of the ship and the end of the bridge on the starboard side.

Capt. W. D. Owen, the Nanaimo pilot, called by Lieut. Grant, said he had been navigating Baynes Sound about sixteen years. He knew of currents other than those marked on the Admiralty chart. There is a set, magnetic current or undertow—he thought it was an undertow— which drew vessels to the eastward. Leaving Union wharf he always made a practice of allowing for this set. It was invariably experienced notwithstanding the state of the tide. Ships had previously grounded on this reef, and he had attributed one, that to the steamer Willamette, to this set, having come to this conclusion by the fact that the vessel was lying at Union wharf, heading out, and could have had ample time to secure bearings of Village Point. It was clear when she left the wharf at 11 p. m., and there was a bank of fog off Village Point. Village Point spar buoy had no value, in his opinion, as an aid to navigation. He would consider a can buoy there to be better. Baynes Sound was difficult to navigate in thick or misty weather. Shaping his course down Baynes Sound from Union wharf, he invariably headed the ship in the day time with Base Flat beacon a little on the port bow. At night with the bight of Fanny Bay right ahead, running the distance down to make the turn. In daytime, as soon as Reef Point opens out with Maple Point, the course is altered to mid-channel. This set, of which he spoke, was well known amongst the pilots. Some had experienced it. Others had not. It had been discussed among the pilots.

Lieut. Ramsay, called by Lieut. Grant, gave evidence that the fog had rolled down the Sound suddenly between the time he went on to the bridge and the grounding.

Albert Nixon, yeoman of signals, gave similar evidence in regard to the fog. Before any mark was sighted he knew clearly what kind of beacon he was looking for. It was a black pole beacon with a white cage on the top. What he sighted seemed to be a pole beacon apparently with a cage on top. He had no doubt when he saw it but that it was the beacon he was looking for. He had often during the last few months seen and reported the Base Flat beacon. Previous to the ground he knew what the Village Point spar looked like. It was a red spar buoy in a slanting position.

Whiteley, signalman, said the fog had rolled down suddenly. He had been on the lookout for the black beacon with a white cage on it, which he had repeatedly seen previously, and he had no doubt when he saw the spar buoy but that it was the beacon he was told by Lieut. Grant to watch for. When Lieut. Grant came from the chart house and saw the beacon reported, he ordered the helm to starboard ten or fifteen degrees, he did not remember which. The fog came five or ten minutes after the anchor was raised.

Engineer Lieut. S. Drake, senior engineer of H. M. S. Flora, said that the engines moved from 40 to 45 revolutions, when the telegraph was put slow ahead, which would give the ship a speed of six knots when she gathered way. With a clean bottom, as the cruiser was then, 72 revolutions would give her a speed of 10.2 knots an hour. Engineer Lieut. Ford gave similar evidence.

The court martial then rose for luncheon, after which B. E. Jones, a midshipman of H. M. S. Flora, told of the suddenness with which the fog rolled down upon the cruiser. It would have occupied him three or four minutes to read a patent log and return to the forebridge. He had logged the course and speed from the time the engines were put half speed ahead on the morning of the accident. The log was produced, showing the entries. The ship was about 300 yards from Union wharf when the engines were put half speed ahead.

Henry Kattle, seaman, said that on going into the fog, he was by Lieut. Grant, told to steer a steady course. A. W. Grundy, seaman, deposed that when he said yesteday that when he looked through the window after the ship steadied on her course, and saw the ship in mid-stream, he meant that the ship's head appeared to him to be in the middle of the stream.

Lieut. Miles, navigator of H. M. S. Egeria, who gave evidence for the prosecution, under examination by Lieut. Grant, said that in navigating a ship in a narrow channel with good leading marks, he would rather trust to that to clear danger than the standard compass or a course. Supposing he found his standard compass bearing on the leading mark, and the bearing given on the chart different, he would assume that the difference was due to deviation. Asked if the Flora had the Union wharf open to the southward, and the fore and aft line of the ship steadied on the end of the pier, would he not consider it impossible to run ashore on Denman Island at slack water, he said he would like to have bearings given him.

Lieut. Grant wished, he said, to bring the fact to the attention of the court, that it would be impossible to run ashore. One of the members of the court-martial noted the fact that he had done so. After further questions the witness said that with the inner end of the south side of Union wharf open to the southward it should be impossible to strike Denman Island until well to the southward of Village Point.

Paymaster Horsey, prisoner's friend, gave evidence that he had seen a certificate given to Lieut. Grant in H. M. S. Gleaner, which was a good certificate, with special emphasis on Lieut. Grant's duties as a navigator noted on it. This certificate was given by the captain of that ship.

J. A. Bource, chief signal boatswain of H. M. S. Grafton, produced the signal made by Rear Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., after the Flora had been floated at Village Point at 10:30 a. m., on December 10th. This signal read: "The Admiral is much pleased at the excellent manner which the captain and ship's company of H. M. S. Flora have worked and behaved in the most trying circumstances, and also in most excellent and cheerful work of the captain and officers of H. M. Grafton and Egeria, which has brought about such a satisfactory result."

This closed the case, and when the prisoners announced that they wished to call no further evidence, the Commodore, in his brusque way, said, "Clear the court"—an action which had been taken several times during the progress of the defence. Then with the doors closed and sentries watching that no interloper was within listening distance, the officers of the court were in consultation for about forty minutes. Then the court was declared open again, and the prisoners were brought in. Also all those who had given evidence. The witnesses were all summoned, and all trooped into the court where the president and members of the court-martial were standing with their cocked hats on their heads.

During the progress of the trial the swords had been laid side by side across the table. Now they were lying lengthways—and the points were toward the prisoners. There was a whisper of "Guilty" among the prisoners, for according to the long established naval custom, the swords pointed toward the prisoners meant that an adverse decision had been reached. Had it been otherwise the swords would have been lying with their hilts toward the prisoners. Such is the naval custom.

The Judge Advocate, Mr. Baker, then read the finding of the court, which was as follows: The court, after hearing the evidence, has found that the charges are true and have been proven, against Capt. Casper J. Baker and Lieut. Harold F. Grant. Both are severely reprimanded, and cautioned to be more careful in future.

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If it be correct—we hope that it is not to any appreciable extent—that as stated by a correspondent of the Colonist, young men are deterred from joining the Fifth Regiment, in some cases by the veto of employers, in others as a result of the ridicule of relatives or friends, such impediments should assuredly no longer be placed in the way of possible recruits.

If any employer of labor will well consider the matter, he will, we feel sure, easily persuade himself, that the grant of a very occasional short leave of absence to a worker in order to enable him to perform one very usual duty of patriotic citizenship, will in general be amply repaid by compensation given. Thus his employee should, in becoming an efficient citizen-soldier, develop alike in physique, in deportment and in habits of discipline, which last are of increasing value in modern business life, which, with the stress of competition and advance of industrial skill, grows ever more highly organized. This fact is well recognized in Germany, where commerce has latterly advanced with almost giant strides, for, heavy as is the burden of conscription in that Empire, it is there, on the other hand, generally admitted, as a partial, and in some cases considerable set-off, that the average worker, whatever his avocation, becomes as a rule a better and more serviceable employee by reason of a period of military training, inculcating self-discipline and orderliness of habit.

On the other hand, relatives and friends of would-be recruits for the local regiment should remember that any ridicule of such desire is misplaced. Such a recruit is, as we have said, fulfilling a duty of patriotic male citizenship, and it is not, in our case at any rate, a mere matter of playing at soldiers. The training involves no little hard work, and there is always a large possibility in the event of war between our Empire and any other power or powers, of an attack on Esquimalt, to participate in the defence of which would become a duty of the Fifth Regiment.

We scarcely think that there are many local employers or relatives of possible recruits who are open to criticize in this matter, but such as are will, we trust, be equally open to conviction of the undesirability of discouraging volunteer service in our militia, and change their attitude accordingly.

COLOMBIA "MAKES MUCH ADO."

It is understood that a few hundred ill-equipped Colombians are encamped not very far from the Panama border, and threatening to dispute the practical occupation of the Isthmus by the United States, as protector of a small, vassal republic. General Ortez, commander-in-chief of the Colombian army, which is about as well drilled and organized as the famous ragged regiment of Falstaff, has in addition issued an eloquent pronunciamento, in which he practically declares that his braves will be equal to any and every emergency, "whilst every Colombian, man and woman, will be capable of rising to heights of heroism."

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But the many generals of Spanish-American republics never lose any possible occasion of issuing eloquent declarations as to the value of the patriotism of themselves, their troops and their people, and General Ortez is doubtless well pleased to think, that whatever happens, he has done the correct thing now. The United States means, however, to stay on Panama's Isthmus, and will find slight trouble in so doing.

THE MANUFACTURERS DECLARE THEMSELVES.

The powerful support of the Manufacturers' Association will, as an official manifesto just issued by its executive states, be given at the coming general election to candidates who favor a general adhesion to the "National Policy" with a protective tariff adapted to present needs, so as to prevent the use of our home market as a dumping ground for the surplus commodities of foreign protectionist states, to the detriment of our own industrialists. Subject to this, the association advocates the adoption of a preference policy which will, as regards necessary imports, favor imports of wares made or grown within our own Empire in preference to others.

The association, whilst declaring itself a non-political body, also declares itself as strongly opposed to those who advocate a further advance in the direction of a one-sided free import policy that is mis-called free trade. Its views leave the way open for a continuance of the general policy of a British preference, subject to the embodiment of this as regards details, in any future agreement made with Great Britain, should Mr. Chamberlain's general fiscal policy be adopted, as is increasingly likely. The policy of the association, therefore, agrees with the general ideas of an Imperial fiscal preference voiced by Mr. Tarte, or rather perhaps it may be more correctly said, that Mr. Tarte, on various occasions, been as a mouthpiece for the association.

Whatever else the intended action of the Manufacturers' Association will effect, and it is difficult as yet to tell how far-reaching its influence may be, especially in the great industrial constituences of Eastern Canada, it is certain that its general effect will be either to restrain or oppose those who would tamper with and weaken a general policy of reasonable protection to home industry. There are seemingly many such amongst the Liberal members of the House of Commons, whilst our own party is practically solid for the National Policy, plus a reasonable Imperial preference that is not one-sided.

The intended action of the Manufacturers' Association is, therefore, whilst non-political in its source, and leaving its members free to support, as they individually desire, candidates of either party if only they approve of its views of fiscal policy; a policy that will readily harmonize with leading points of our own party's general declaration of faith, and as we naturally also believe, prove of advantage to our country.

If further development work should to any considerable extent confirm the report as to the strike of a large body of high-grade silver-lead ore at the Sullivan mine, East Kootenay, the result will be of the greatest advantage to one of our great mining districts, which has suffered very keenly by the depression in the silver-lead market. As things are, there are several hundred fewer miners at work in that district than there were several years ago, the local silver-lead ores having hitherto been usually found of rather low grade, though extensively distributed. A rich find of high-grade ore in a leading mine would tend to transform the situation.

So rapidly does change proceed in our Province that, admirably accurate as is the present issue of the Year Book of British Columbia, which was only recently placed in the printers and publisher's hands, some little—fortunately little— of its information is even now of the past. Thus as regards certain details of taxation and as regards the personnel of ministers, changes have occurred which must be borne in mind by those who read the Year Book. But when these happened the work must have been in the binder's hands, and further revision was impossible for the editor and others concerned. We merely mention these facts in order that no reader of the Year Book may in consequence of them, impute want of due care to any of those concerned in an excellent publication.

New mineral finds in the Maritime Province of Nova Scotia are now balancing like developments in our own maritime Province of the Pacific, to the general advantage of Canada. The latest news, confirmed on the authority of Nova Scotia's Department of Mines, is that the recent discovery of nickel-bearing copper at Cheticamp, Cape Breton, indicates that a mine has there been discovered that will in all probability become one of the world's richest and greatest producers. This will be the more pleasing to the people of Cape Breton, in view of the fact that temporary industrial depression has recently hit some of them very hard. Recent developments of local mining, of which this is the latest, should, however, relieve their situation most materially.

The general sympathy of the community will go out to the parents of the young boy, Kentfield, who died by accident on Thursday under such sad circumstances by falling into a deep unprotected hole, partly filled with water, near the Esquimalt road. Sad to say nobody seems to have heard any call for aid by the poor boy, it being only too likely that in falling he partly stunned himself, thus rendering it impossible to make any effective effort at self-help. Whilst the fact that his head was also under water would, in any case have prevented any perceptible outcry. Thus he died, doubtless within easy reach of rescuers, had they only knew of the need. As we write, the coroner's inquest on the case is proceedings, so that it were both inadvisable and premature to pass an opinion as to whether any one is justly censurable for any negligence in the matter.

Whilst we are strongly of opinion that there are objectionable features in the agreement between the Dominion Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, as also important safeguarding clauses omitted from that agreement, we are nevertheless pleased to learn that the Grand Trunk Railway, having come to the rescue of its friends and associates and deposited at Ottawa more than the equivalent of the $5,000,000 of guarantee required, though not in the form designated by the act, the payment will be accepted, and in due course submitted to parliamentary ratification. The construction of a second transcontinental railway, with a terminal in our Province, should so greatly develop a naturally rich region which is now largely inaccessible, that the shorter the delay in the case now that a general bargain has been struck, the better for ourselves. We hope that it is true that after what has just happened, there will be no avoidable delay of making a beginning of such construction.

It is stated in Vancouver that Messrs Hendry & Hill have purchased a controlling interest in the Stave Lake Power Company, of Vancouver, with a view to supplying power to a new line between New Westminster and Vancouver. The intention of the purchase is doubtless the running of a local service on the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon Railway Company's line between the two Mainland cities by means of electricity. The line is already nearly completed, and is expected to be open for steam traffic some time next year, in connection, via the Fraser river bridge, with the Great Northern system south of that river. The opening and working by electricity of this further connection between Vancouver and New Westminster, should prove of no detriment to the Briltish Columbia Electric Railway Company, as it passes through a district, most of which is several miles distant from that served by the present short line, is already partly settled and certain to increase rapidly in population as railway facilities come. Whenever the proposed new service is found in full running order, there will also be found ample scope for the profitable work of both companies along their respective routes. It will probably, in any case, take two years to make of the Stave river project a going concern, as this will call for very extensive and expensive construction work, as yet all in embryo.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

James Cauley committed suicide at the Central hotel last Saturday evening by drinking carbolic acid. The deceased applied late the preceding night for a bed. He signed the register, paid in advance and went to bed without attracting any particular notice. The next morning at 11 o'clock the bed was still occupied, and at 4 p. m. the chambermaid found upon opening the door a strong smell of carbolic acid and in the middle of the room the body of the man was lying on the floor.—Fernie Free Press.

The White Bear Mining Company is taking active steps to secure conditions that will permit of the construction of its proposed 100-ton concentrator on the Elmore oil process within the city limits in preference to selecting a mill site outside of the community. In this effort the company is asking the assistance of the corporation on one or more points, and the dispsition of the city council, so far as evidenced to date, is unquestionably to render what assistance is possible under the circumstances.—Rossland Miner.

The death of A. E. F. Van Houch from cancer of the stomach, took place on Tuesday last at 8 p. m., at Mara. The deceased, who was 55 years of age, was a native of France, and was well and widely known throughout the valley, having resided here since 1885, and always took a lively interest in public affairs, especially with matters connected with the locality in which he lived.—Armstrong Advertiser.

The replacing of the eastern wing of the C. P. R. round-house, which was destroyed by fire last July, is now an accomplished fact. The new structure which has cost $18,000, is much larger than the old one and of a more substantial character, the walls being of concrete 24 inches thick. The windows are now being put in place preparatory to putting the building in use. Extensive improvements and alterations in the yard are also contemplated and plans for the same are now out, which will embrace a remodeling of the yard, new station buildings and new sheds and warehouses.—Kamloops Standard.

The ore shipments from the Slocan this year will hardly run over 15,500 tons. This is less than half what the shipments were for last year, and the lowest production in the history of the camp. Without going into an exhaustive discussion of the whys and wherefores of the great falling off, it is apparent to all that a strong game is being played by the operators. Just what the outcome will be it is hard to say, but this is certain that the government aid by bonus has not increased the output. Perhaps when the Silver-Lead Association gets its organization in proper working trim under the new pooling scheme, there will be a different story to tell of the Slocan.—New Denver Ledge.

The most sacred and ever to be remembered feast of St. Andrew was celebrated with due decorum and proper mirth in Kelowna, on November 30th, by a meeting of Scots, gathered from mountain glen and teeming city, not by the ancient fiery cross, but by the more modern and prosaic form of invitation. Before the "Brither Scots" foregathered round the festive board provided at the Lake View hotel by Mrs. Newson, the general meeting was called in Lequime Hall, with the retiring president, H. S. Rose, in the chair.—Vernon News.

MEN AND THINGS.

Harry Ziegler, a resident of Philadelphia and a member of the life saving guard at Atlantic City, saved 52 lives during six weeks of the season at that resort.

Wu Ting-fang, formerly Chinese minister to the United States, has been appointed vice-president of the newly created department of commerce in his home government. It will be his province specially to look after the foreign commerce of China.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts is a standing wonder to London. The venerable woman is out driving every fair day and often when the weather is so unfavorable as to keep much younger women at home, for the baroness is a firm believer in fresh air. The result is that in old age she retains much of her youthful vivacity.

"My life has been strangely ruled by the number 9," Pius X. is quoted as saying previous to being chosen Pope. "Nine years I was a schoolboy at Riese; nine years a student at Padua; nine years a curate at Tombolo; nine years a priest at Salzano; nine years a canon at Treviso; nine years a bishop of Mantua; now for nine years I have been cardinal patriarch at Venice. If I become Pope—as long as God wills; perhaps another nine years."

RISIBILITIES.

He—And what, pray, is a picture hat?

His Wife—A picture hat is a work of millinery art.

He (glancing at the bill)—You mean millionary art, dear.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Politician—Congratulations, Saran, I've been nominated.

Sarah (with delight)—Honestly?

Politician—What difference does that make?—Detroit Free Press.

"Curious what men will do when they're drinking," said Representative "Tim" Sullivan. "When I was over in New York I heard a story about a man I know who had been out nearly all night and was considerably the worse for wear.

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Tongs, 65c. to $2.75.
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Cream Ladle, $1.50.
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Fish Fork, $2.50.
Shoe Horn, 50c. to $2.00.
Tooth Brushes, 50c. to 75c.
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Writing Sets, $9.50.
Fish Sets, $10.50.
Nail Polishers, $1.00 to $2.00.
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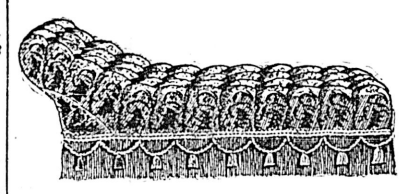

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Local News.

Xmas Holidays.—The offices of the provincial government will be closed on Saturday, December 26th and Saturday, January 2nd.

Appointed Attorney.—Rowland Lea, of Victoria, has been appointed attorney for the Yreka Copper Company, in place of the late H. McKenzie Cleland.

Scholes-Stallard.—Rev. W. D. Barber, at St. Saviour's church on Thursday last united in marriage Richard Alfred Scholes, of Sydney, N. S. W., to Ada, only daughter of H. C. Stallard, Portsmouth, England.

May Be a Candidate.—Thornton Fell, of the firm of Fell & Gregory, is being pressed by his friends to present himself as a candidate in South ward at the approaching aldermanic elections. Mr. Fell has not decided as to whether he will be a candidate or not.

Footballers, Attention!—All those who will play for either the Victoria or Garrison teams in this afternoon's match at Oak Bay are asked to take the 2:20 car from the corner of Government and Fort streets. This is most important, as the match must start at 2:45 promptly in order to be finished before dark.

Invited to Victoria.—At the annual general meeting of the British Columbia Institute of Assayers, held at Trail recently, a recommendation was passed that the next meeting of the institute be held at one of the coast cities. Members of the institute in Victoria have forwarded an invitation to the secretary, Mr. Arthur A. Cole, of Rossland, to have the coast meeting held in Victoria.

Drill Hall Concert.—A great amount of interest is being manifested in the match game of basketball to be played at the Drill hall this evening between the Victoria West and James Bay teams. This will be the first game of this season's series between these clubs, and as both teams are in perfect condition a battle royal may be expected. An exceptionally fine musical programme will be rendered during the evening by the regimental band.

Organ Recital.—The last of the series of Advent Organ recitals will be given at St. John's church after evensong tomorrow, when Mr. A. Longfield will play, by special request Dr. Sparks' descriptive organ solo, "Christ's Journey Over the Sea of Gallilee," and will have the assistance of the following vocalists: Mrs. H. Young, Mrs. G. C. Mesher, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Mr. White and Mr. Griffiths. Mr. Jesse Longfield will play a violin solo and also the concluding organ solo.

Board at Fault.—It is pointed out by an expert in bird life that the English robin being a soft-billed bird, depending on slugs and worms for its livelihood, it was simply impossible for them to survive on a diet of ornithological hard tack. The birds should have been set free to shift for themselves at once, he says, and then most of them would have had a chance to live. Man's solicitude for himself and the creatures under his charge is often fatal to both himself and the unfortunate creatures.

Recovered the Boat.—The captain of the British ship Pass of Brander, now lying at Esquimalt, reported to the provincial police a few days ago that a boat had been stolen from the ship, evidently by two or three members of the crew, who had disappeared simultaneously with the boat. The police gave the matter strict investigation, enquiring on the American side for trace of the missing ship's boat. On Wednesday, however, the captain reported to the police that the boat had been found and returned to the ship.

Northern Mails.—The postoffice department has made arrangements for the despatch of three mails during the winter months to Telegraph creek and Glenora, on the Stikine river. Mails will be forwarded from Wrangel, Alaska, early in the months of January, February and March next, and correspondence for the above places should be posted in time for the mails due to leave Victoria on the 1st of January next, per steamer Valencia, which calls at Wrangel on her voyage north. The date of closing of the mails for February and March next will be advertised in the Victoria Postoffice Guide.

Hudson's Bay Shares.—The following interesting item appears in a recent issue of the London Report: "Hudson's Bay shares have been quiescent for so long a time that one would have thought they had almost dropped out of existence. This is a 'mine,' however, which will never peter out. No one will be able to spirit away into ether its millions of fruitful acres. I am given to understand a large line of the shares which was being financed in London, on Canadian account, has now been sold. Therefore the liquidation which has been proceeding for some time past has now ceased. Lord Strathcona will be able to give some interesting information respecting the company's land sales at the next meeting, and these will be found to be enormous. A scheme may also be submitted for the splitting of the shares into £1 each, a process which would popularize them immensely."

Praises Vancouver Island. — Interviewed by a representative of the Portland Telegram, B. D. Holcomb, who is interested in a Quatsino property, had a good word to say regarding Vancouver island as a field for mineral development. He said: "Although it is not by any means a continuous ledge, Vancouver island, B. C., contains many valuable mining properties. The class of ore is copper sulphide and the ledge is opened a distance of 3,000 feet. The vein shows a width of from one foot to 300 feet. While the ore is not really high grade, it is sufficient to warrant extensive working. Being close to smelters, it has a great advantage in the way of freight rates. We now have a 50-foot breast of ore, which will pay for treatment. The corporation is a Washington organization, and most of the stock is held there, Tacoma people being interested."

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

Meet This Evening.—This evening the Amateur Orchestral Society will meet in Waitt's hall, Government street, when, after the business of the meeting the first practice will be held under the conductorship of Frank Watkis.

Christmas Cantata. — On Tuesday evening next the First Presbyterian church Sabbath school will render their annual Christmas cantata, entitled "Santa Claus the Second," in costume, under the able leadership of John Meston.

Royal Black Preceptory.—Tomorrow evening in A. O. U. W. hall, the Royal Black Preceptory, No. 538, will hold a meeting. There will be several initiations, and the annual election of officers will take place. All Sir Black Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Dance at Work Point.—On Thursday evening the R. E. Quadrille Club held one of its regular dances at Work Point barracks. The Sehl-Bantly orchestra provided music and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The club will hold its annual ball on December 31st.

Represents Capital.—A. H. Stacey, manager for an English syndicate which is operating oil fields in the Kayak district of Alaska, arrived from Ladysmith yesterday where he debarked from the steamer Santa Ana, and proceeded last night in Vancouver en route to England.

Christmas Vacation.—The Lampson street school broke up for the holidays very pleasantly on Friday forenoon. A number of visitors were present, mostly ladies. The teachers were all kindly remembered by the pupils, and Mr. Leigh, the janitor, received a Xmas gift from the teachers.

Sale of Mining Shares.—Sheriff Richards makes the announcement in the advertising columns of the Colonist this morning that he will sell by public auction in front of his office on Wednesday next at 11 a. m. all the shares standing in the name of Hugh Grieve on the books of the Roberts-Kitchener mines, Limited, the properties being located on Mount Richards, near Mount Sicker.

John Tway Dead.—Yesterday morning the death occured of John Tway, at the residence of G. Perkins, Gleufield avenue, Lake district. Deceased was 77 years of age and a native of Jersey, Channel islands. The remains were brought to the parlors of the B. C. Funeral and Furnishing Co., and the funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Tway, No. 130 Fort street, on Monday, December 21st, at 10:30 a. m.

Enjoyable Dance.—Another very enjoyable dance was held last Wednesday evening in Victoria hall, given by the members of Victoria Dancing Club. These social gatherings are select and becoming very popular. A leap year dance will be given on New Year's eve, and a feature of the affair will be that the gentlemen will conduct until 12 o'clock, after which hour the ladies will have full charge.

Marquis of Bute Coming.—The advertising department of the Canadian Pacific railway has been informed that the Marquis of Bute, one of the best known sportsmen in England, is making arrangements to visit British Columbia next year in search of big game. At the present time that gentleman is shooting lions in Somaliland. Another well-known sportsman who is coming to Western Canada next year is Mr. Worrell Wagner, of Philadelphia.

Regarding the Wall.—The information in which the item appearing in yesterday morning's Colonist, regarding the deflection in the James' Bay retaining wall was based, is found on inquiry from City Engineer Topp to have been erroneous. Mr. Topp explains that he has an instrument fixed in the small house on the north end of the wall which would register the slightest change of position. No change has been recorded for over a month, thus clearly establishing that the movement has been stopped.

Florence Roberts.—Among some of the prominent players in the Florence Roberts company, which comes to the Victoria theatre on Monday for a three nights' engagement are: Lucius Henderson, Frank Hollins, William Yerance, Howard Scott, W. L. Gleason, George A. Yielding, Herbert Farjeson, Gregory Rodgers, Albert Luttringer, Miss Fanny Young, Miss Edith Angus, Miss Lucia Stetson, Miss Louise Royce, Miss Virginia Brissac, Miss Nina Herbert, Miss Marion Barhyte, Ollie Cooper and others. These are said to make up the largest most capable and expensive company Miss Roberts has ever had.

Mrs. Giles Dead.—The death occurred yesterday at the residence of her sister, Mrs. G. Meade, in New Westminster, of Mrs. Giles, wife of George F. Giles, of Shawnigan Lake, the founder of the village of Gilesville, at the E. & N. resort. Deceased had been ill for a ong time, a sufferer from Bright's disease and dropsy, and her death was, therefore, not unexpected. She was 61 years of age and a native of England. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. from the residence of W. B. Hall, 54 King's road, and later from St. John's church. The body will arrive on the Charmer this evening.

Was Found Dead.—The body of the little boy, Kentfield, who was reported missing from his home in Victoria West in yesterday's Colonist, was yesterday morning at 9 o'clock found by his father, Mr. J. A. Kentfield, in a hole dug for a telephone or telegraph pole on Esquimalt street. There was about three feet of water in the hole, and the child's head being immersed, death resulted from drowning. An inquest will be held this afternoon by Coroner Hart. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kentfield and a sister are left to mourn his loss. The little fellow was popular in the community, and great sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents. The funeral will take place from the parlors of W. J Hanna at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Sudden Death.—Robt. Irvine, a young man 32 years of age, a butcher by trade, who was employed at Goodacre's butcher shop, was found dead at the foot of a staircase in the Burne's House yesterday afternoon. He left his room with the intention of going up town and shortly afterwards was found in a dying condition on the floor at the foot of the staircase. On Dr. Hart arriving the man was pronounced dead, and the body was removed to the morgue. Deceased leaves a widow and one child and has also living in Victoria a mother, two brothers and six sisters. The funeral is arranged to take place at 2.30 p.m. from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company this afternoon. A coroner's jury held an inquiry into the death yesterday afternoon, and returned a verdict of "death from natural causes."

A Kennel League.—At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Vancouver Kennel Club, held on Thursday evening, a resolution was passed by the meeting tendering its hearty support to furthering the interests of dogs in the Pacific Coast Kennel League and having all matters governed by that body and not by the American Kennel League, as they have been in the past. The fact that a league club has recently conducted a highly successful show in San Francisco, heretofore controlled by the American Kennel League, has tended to instill much enthusasm into other clubs, all of which now appears to be more determined than ever to preserve the integrity of the league and to ultimately secure for it the exclusive control of kennel affairs throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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Dance at Esquimalt.—An enjoyable dance was held in the Esquimalt public hall last night by Esquimalt people.

Children's Contributions. — The teachers of the Victoria West school particularly request that the children will take their annual contributions for the Friendly Help Association to the school house this morning before 11 o'clock.

Teacher Appointed. — Mr. Samuel Robinson Roe has been appointed by the Board of School Trustees as teacher of Craigflower public school, vice Dr. S. D. Pope resigned. Mr. Roe has been teaching Mayne island public school up to the present.

"Crofter" Begg Home.—Alex. Begg, who went to London to assist in the presentation of Canada's case to the Alaskan boundary tribunal, is home again. After the conclusion of the case Mr. Begg paid a flying visit to Paris, afterwards staying for a short time at New York with one of his sons.

Address at Y. M. C. A.—Rev. J. F. Vichart will give an address in the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow at 4 p. m. This will be Mr. Vichart's last public appearance outside of his own church, as he leaves Monday for Toronto. Mr. A. Wheeler, the popular baritone, will contribute several solos.

Pastor Leaving.—Rev. J. F. Vichart, for several years pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will tomorrow deliver his farewell sermon. He is leaving for Toronto where he will reside for some time. Mr. Vichart since he had been in charge of Calvary church has popularized himself with the members and congregation in a very emphatic fashion, and general regret is expressed at the announcement that he has decided to leave Victoria.

Closed for Holidays.—All the public schools of the city were closed yesterday for the Xmas holidays with simple but appropriate ceremonies. In several of the schools there was a very good attendance of parents and friends of the children; and interesting programmes made up of songs, recitations and exercises were gone through with. Most of the schools were prettily decorated for the occasion with holly and greenery.

A Hardy Dog.—Yesterday afternoon a gentleman was visiting one of the officers of the Flora and had with him his dog, an Irish terrier. The blasts from Signal hill probably frightened the dog, for he fell from the quarter-deck of the cruiser to the bottom of the dry dock, a distance of about thirty-five feet. Such a fall would be enough to end the nine lives of a cat, but not the dog's. When a seaman picked the dog up he was stunned. A surgeon of the ship found no broken bones, so it was decided not to shoot Mr. Pup. Some of the bystanders suggested that the dog should be rubbed. This was done and in a few minutes he seemed all right.

Pacific Line Did Well.—Arthur Piers, general manager of the C. P. R., steamship lines, speaking in Montreal of the past season's business said: "At the close of the present season, the first during which the Canadian Pacific railway has operated steamship lines on both the Pacific and Atlantic, I would say that both fleets here had a satisfactory year. Perhaps that on the Pacific, owing to favorable conditions, was more satisfactory than that on the Atlantic. During the year the steamers have handled the greater portion of the tea and silk trades. While right along there was a good deal of competition, freight rates were not affected to anything like the same extent as they were on the Atlantic. This naturally tended to allow a better showing being made, but then the conditions on the Pacific are such as will not permit of a direct comparison with conditions on the Atlantic."

IN CHAMBERS.

The Chief Justice yesterday disposed of the following cases in chambers: MacLeod vs. MacLeod application as to trial. Action to be set down for trial at the next sittings of the court, and to be tried on affidavits.

The Chief Justice also presided at the sitting of the county court yesterday.

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One of Dr. Chase's oldest patients in Canada is Mr. G. W. Parish, of Sturgeon Bay, Simcoe County, Ont., whom he cured of kidney disease in 1867 by means of his now celebrated Kidney-Liver Pills. Mr. Parish writes that he does not think there is any medicine half so good, and that he always keeps Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in the house as a family medicine

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Decorate.—For Lamp Shades and other holiday decorating, Floral Crepe Paper, both plain and in all the pretty designs, may be had at Ormond's Book Store, at reasonable prices. See their ad in first column, fifth page for prices, etc. *

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Cut Ox-tail in small pieces, wash, drain, sprinkle with salt and pepper, dredge with flour, and fry in butter 10 minutes. Add to stock and simmer one hour. Then add vegetables which have been parboiled 20 minutes and simmer until vegetables are soft. Add salt, pepper, wine, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice.

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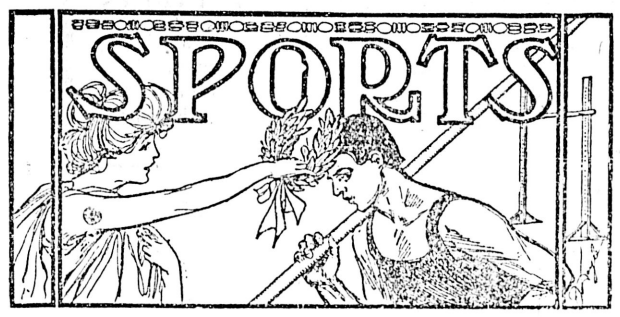

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

No doubt there will be a large crowd at Oak Bay this afternoon when the present Garrison team and the Victorias will for the last time, try conclusions. If the game results in a victory for the Garrison they will be the champions, but if Victoria wins it gives the latter team a chance, that is, they must defeat both the Columbias and the Y. M. C. A. The fact that today's game will be the first time that football has been played on the Oak Bay grounds, should induce many to go out to witness the game. Captain Goward, of the Victorias, stated yesterday that it was the finest ground he had ever seen and that alone, outside of the known merits and rivalry of the respective teams, will certainly be conducive to a fast and close game. Those who were fortunate enough to see last Saturday's match between the same clubs were unanimous in declaiming it as one of the best games witnessed here for many seasons, and today's promises, if anything to be more exciting. The teams will be the same as those that played a week ago. Victoria's new men, namely: Tye, Thompson and Menzies, have added greatly to their strength, while S. Lorimer at back, and H. Pettigrew at centre-forward, proved to be towers of strength in their respective positions which they occupied for the first time last Saturday. The indomitable Goward, whose reputation is so well known, will be in his own place at full-back. Mr. Richardson will referee, and the game will start at 2:45. As the game will last for forty-five minutes each way, any spectator arriving at the grounds half an hour late will miss only a comparatively small portion of the game. The following will represent the Victoria team: Goal, F. Jones; backs, H. A. Goward and S. Lorimer; halves, W. Yorke, N. Gowen and Thompson; forwards, L. Yorke, B. Tye, H. Pettigrew, J. Lorimer and O. E. Menzies.

North Ward vs. South Park.

The following players will represent the North Ward against the South Park at the Caledonia grounds at 10 o'clock:

Full back, J. Dakers; three-quarter backs, C. Hall; backs, Seabrook, Johnson; half backs, Hall, McCarter; forwards, Smith, Penketh, McIntosh, Gill, E. Devlin, McGregor, C. White, J. McGregor, Humber.

Game Postponed.

The football match between the Y. M. C. A. and the Columbias, to have taken place today has been postponed.

HOCKEY.

Getting Ready.

The Victoria Hockey Club will hold their usual practice at 10:30 a. m. sharp. All members are requested to turn out to practice. Inside of a month, two matches will be played against the Barracks and Vancouver.

A Strong Team.

Vancouver defeated the Barracks 2 to nil, and Victoria defeated the Barracks 3 to nil, and in order that Victoria to be able to defeat Vancouver they will have to indulge in more practice, especially combination.

Game at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—First hockey match of the season, senior series, was played tonight. The Rowing Club defeated the Victorias 6 to 4.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Seniors vs. Intermediates.

Undaunted by their recent defeats, at the hands of Vancouver and Nanaimo, the Victoria Seniors will meet the Intermediates in a friendly game at the Caledonia grounds this afternoon. By keeping in good trim and with plenty of practice, the Seniors hope to turn the tables upon the opposing Vancouver and Nanaimo teams when they meet again. Today both fifteens will be without several of their best players, but the game will be a good one. So far this season the Intermediates have held their own pretty well with the Seniors and they hope to keep up the good work. On the other hand, the first fifteen intends to win decisively, so fast work is the order of the day. The teams are:

Seniors—Full back, A. Newsombe; three-quarters, Ken Scholefield (capt.), Talbot, H. Gillespie, W. Moresby; forwards, F. A. Macrae, Grundy, Charnley, Jaegers, J. Cornwall, C. Cullin, C. B. Kennedy, Misselbrook.

Intermediates — Full back, W. Todd; three quarters, C. Berkeley, A. Patton, L. Bell, G. Wilson; half backs, W. Newcombe, W. Sweetland; forwards, Blackburn, R. Janion, C. Keefer, H. Marchant (capt.), Prior, Hurst, Alliot, Ward.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock. The Intermediates are particularly requested to be present in any color except red.

Junior Practice.

The Junior fifteen will have a practice preceding the Intermediate match today, commencing at 2 o'clock.

THE RING.

Both Confident.

Attell and Krant will box twenty rounds at the Victoria Opera House on Christmas eve for a decision. Both are sure the bout will last 20 rounds, and each claim the decision in advance. Krant has been telling them in Seattle that he can easily put away Attell if he gets another chance. Attell expects to have rather a more difficult task than he had at the Savoy when he all but put out Krant.

Neary Gets Decision.

Milwaukee, Dec. 18.—Charley Neary of Milwaukee, got the decision over Kid Broad of Cleveland in a six-round bout here tonight.

THE YEAR BOOK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Colonist is in receipt of the Year Book of British Columbia, 1903, edited by Mr. R. E. Gosnell, the energetic secretary of the Bureau of Provincial Information, and published by the King's printer, Victoria. The present edition, the compilation of which was evidently finished shortly after the attainment to power of the present British Columbia ministry of the Hon. Mr. McBride, is in the main a careful revision with many additions, of the original work of 1897, bringing up to the middle of the present year the generally available data as to the Province's position and progress. Good as was the original Year Book, the present issue is a considerable improvement thereon, being in general more complete, whilst its publication reflects equal credit upon the editor, the King's printer and his staff, and those responsible for a host of excellent photogravure illustrations. Considerations of space—much new matter of special interest to visitors and to possible settlers and investors in our Province being included—have prevented the reprinting of the interesting details of the earlier history of British Columbia which appeared together with reproductions of old-time photographs of many of the Province's public men of old in the issue of 1897, this will always, on that account, be well worthy of preservation by those who possess it. But the substituted new matter is, although of different character, of great interest, and for the ordinary reader of an official Year Book of more practical importance.

As a result, any intelligent man or woman who purchases the Year Book at the really low price at which it is issued—one dollar—will find that he or she has obtained a most attractively arranged and remarkably complete compilation of information, mainly based upon official statistics, concerning the past and present conditions and early future prospects of British Columbia. It is in fact so complete that we have failed to note any subject of Provincial importance which is not more or less elaborately treated in a Year Book, which whilst of very general interest, will be found practically indispensable by all who take an active part in our public affairs, so varied and complete are its statistics and other data.

The Year Book is, we may add, unlike many others of its kind, written and compiled in a very interesting style, and whilst, as we have said, of great value to every class of reader who wishes to know all that he can of British Columbia, is specially well provided with information of the kind that is needed by the tourist and the sportsman.

The Year Book should be widely read here and in other parts of Canada, and also find a place in every public library and institute of importance in the United Kingdom.

Alfred Tennyson Dickens, the eldest surviving son of Charles Dickens, has strongly protested against published reports of his father's ill-feeling toward Thackeray. He recalls the fact that his father was the chief mourner at Thackeray's funeral in Kensal Green, and also wrote a biographical sketch which "did full justice to the genius and merits of the author of "Vanity Fair" and "Pendennis." Mr. Dickens adds that many a time he has heard his father speak in the most glowing terms of Thackeray's wonderful versatility.

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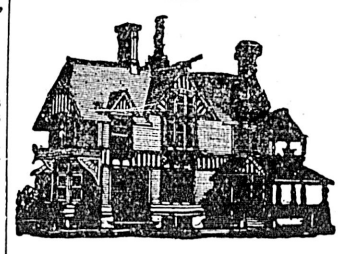

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The Board of Trade Meeting

Regular Monthly Meeting Last Evening Consider the Assessment Act.

Time to Be Taken to Consider Measure in All Its Bearings.

Last evening the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade was held, the president in the chair. There was rather a slim attendance of the members. After the transaction of the usual routine business, Mr. S. J. Pitts spoke at some length on the new Assessment Act, and explained the details of its workings, with many illustrations, showing how the tax would bear upon the merchant and manufacturer. Should the merchant meet with poor, or perhaps, no success in his business, he would have to pay just the same on his stock, yet he would have to expend the same amounts as usual for salaries and other running expenses. It was really worse than dual taxation. He believed this act would work harm to the trade and commerce of the province, and it would go far to spoil British Columbia's prospects in the Oriental trade, toward which all were now looking hopefully. Merchants trading to the Orient would have to carry heavy stocks, hence the tax would fall very heavily on them—if they kept any stocks here at all. No man could carry a large stock here and afford to contribute 20 per cent. to the government. He hoped that if the government had the case fully illustrated to them, and could have examples of the practical working of the act, they would probably see their way to make certain changes. He recognized the fact that the taxes must be increased, and it was a difficult matter to adjust them to suit all classes and distribute the burden evenly and equitably.

The secretary then read the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the feeling throughout the country on the Assessment Act, and asking co-operation in delaying the passage of the act. Telegrams had been sent to the various boards of trade, and replies had been received.

The chairman commented upon the unfortunate lack of success attending the committee's action. He referred to the lumber industry tax, which had brought forth a very earnest protest from those interested, and the government, in consideration of that protest, had rebated to a considerable extent. Had the government rebated the merchant tax, there would have been no particular kick. (Laughter.)

Dr. Milne referred to the tax on the traders, discriminating against the British Columbia merchants in favor of the Eastern merchants and manufacturers. He instanced several grievous instances where this blunder had been committed before. He could not conceive of any more suicidal action on the part of any government in putting on such a tax. The province could not hope to hold the northern trade under such hampering conditions. He entered his earnest protest.

Mr. Geo. Carter moved the following resolution:

"That this board considers that the provisions adopted or confirmed in the present Assessment Act will tend to hamper trade; this board considers that the endeavor should be not to tax more than a firm's net worth and net profit or gains; the present Assessment Act goes beyond this in not permitting the deductions of liabilities from the gross value of stocks of merchandise, debts, etc., and in other respects."

He said he felt a gross injustice had been done the province in the act just passed. Some said the government would not press this matter. No government could afford to take upon itself such a stringent measure as this. He spoke as a commission man, and explained his position and how the Assessment Act would strike him.

The chairman advised that all motions of this character should be very well considered. It had been pointed out in the Colonist of the 17th in very clear terms what was and was not taxed. So it was advisable to be very careful, as it was treading on very delicate ground.

Mr. Carter continuing, said he admitted that, but the resolution had not yet passed. He held that the passage of this act was detrimental to the interests of the province. If Victoria was going to be one of the supplying centres, it would be impossible with such a tax. He gave several illustrations from the Oriental trade, towards which many Victorians were looking very hopefully. No Easterner would think of coming here to work for the government by trying to do business under such a tax. He honed something might be evolved from the resolution.

Mr. Shalleross in seconding the resolution pointed out that the belief was current that the assessment would be enforced, but the old act had not been rigidly enforced; he believed the wind would be tempered to the shorn lamb. He explained at some length the workings of the old and new act. They had to accept those acts, however, believing that it was the intention to carry them out. Acts that were passed with no intention of being carried out were not wanted. It could not be good for trade that capital should be driven out and kept out of the country as this act would do. He had been informed that there was on deposit in the banks of Victoria eight million dollars, so that the serious character of the proposed taxation could thus be seen. In the old country personal property was not taxed; only income. Personal property had a way of taking wings to itself and flying away. He considered that this resolution was justified. He could not give much credit to the opposition for its conduct in fighting the bill, but he could not flatter the government either in the matter.

Mr. Anton Henderson thought that this matter should be well-considered before being passed. Were this resolution passed without due consideration he thought it would not have much weight with the government. He was sorry to see such a statement emanate from this board as was published in the Times and torn to pieces next morning in an editorial in the Colonist.

Mr. Gutmann favored the appointment of a committee which could give valuable pointers to the government, but time should be taken in the matter. The great question was: How can this act be enforced?

Mr. Lugrin said it was quite evident many members were not prepared to vote. He therefore moved that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the board, when the House would be in session.

The chairman informed the board that copies of the bill could be obtained at the King's printer, but they might be appalled by the length of the bill.

Mr. Mowat said it was going to cost him just about ten times in taxes what it cost last year.

Mr. Hardaker—You didn't pay enough last year (laughter).

Mr. Morley thought a misunderstanding existed on this matter. He believed this resolution should be passed then. He said the Times' article was not correct; it was drawn up by some of the best financiers in the city. He hoped that if the resolution, as it stood, could not pass, that at least it could be so modified to indicate that the welfare of the province was at stake.

Mr. F. Moore said he had been informed by Mr. McKilligan that machinists would have to pay on stock at a certain time, and not on average. He pointed out the injustice of this, and the fluctuations of stock. It might press very hard upon a manufacturer who might have a heavy stock at a particular time, though a low average.

Mr. Lugrin moved that the debate be adjourned until the next monthly meeting and copies of the resolution be sent to the provincial Boards of Trade.

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Mr. Lugrin's amendment to adjourn the debate carried.

Dr. Milne gave notice of a motion regarding the construction of two transcontinental lines, and urging the extension of the E. & N. railway to the end of the island to connect with a line from Bute inlet, and pledging the board to support the said extension. Also to enter into communication with the transcontinnetal lines and E. & N. with a view to obtaining the fullest information.

Mr. Morley complained that the appointment of the sealing committee to wait on the government had not been fairly done by the chairman, and asked that a majority of those who had voted for the resolution and a minority of those who voted against it should be appointed on the delegation to wait on the government.

The chairman said he considered the committee a very good one.

After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Dec. 18.—The inertia of today's stock market was slightly overcome in the last hour of the trading in sympathy with the strong upward movement in United States Steel preferred, following the formal announcement that the steel billet pool had determined upon a maintenance of present prices. Much of the dread of unstable conditions in the steel market and of disrupting disputes amongst the members of the pool, centred in the billet trade, and definite settlement of the question had an immediate cheering effect upon all connected with the iron and steel trade. United States Steel preferred was taken in enormous blocks at an advance of 2⅛ over last night.

Pennsylvania showed the most marked sympathy with the rise in United States Steel preferred and gained over a point.

Amalgamated Copper developed an active movement. There was a conspicuous selling movement in Rock Island. That stock fell over a point St. Louis and San Francisco second preferred, and the Rock Island 5 per cent bonds a large fraction. Rumors of a coming bond issue was the cause. The $10,000,000 bond issue was the subject of continued discussion and the cause of the heaviness in Atchison and some other stocks in which bond issues have been feared, but denied.

The usual forecast of the bank statement indicate a gain in cash on the regular express movement of between three and four millions of dollars, while subtreasury operations, including payments for foreign gold, have yielded to the banks $3,041,000.

Call money was correspondingly easy. Cotton bills have brown scarce also in the exchange market, and it is not without significance that the week's exports of grain have fallen nearly 1,250,000 bushels below those of last week, most of the showing in wheat, while the value of imported dry goods rises more than $800,000 over those of last week. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,875,000.

New York, Dec. 18.—Pig iron, quiet; copper, quiet; lead, firm; tin, dull; straits, $27.50, nominal; spelter, quiet; domestic, $5.00.

New York, Dec. 18.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	98
American Locomotive	35¾
American Locomotive pfd	77
American Sugar Refinery	123⅝
American Smelting & Refining Co.	48¾
American Car & Foundry	109⅝
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	67⅞
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd	79½
Baltimore & Ohio	78⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	50⅛
Chicago & Alton	35⅞
Canadian Pacific	118⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	33⅛
Chicago & Northwestern	164
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	142½
Colorado Southern pfd	53
Consolidated Gas, New York	187¾
Colorado Fuel & Iron	27¾
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	250
Delaware & Hudson	160
Denver & Rio Grande	21½
Kansas & Texas	17⅝
Kansas & Texas pfd	38¾
Louisville & Nashville	106
Manhattan Elevated	141
Missouri Pacific	93¾
Minn., St. P. & S. St. M.	125¾
Metropolitan Traction	121½
New York Central	118¾
Erie Railway	29½
Erie Railway 1st pfd	68¾
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	50¾
New York, Ontario & Western	21½
Norfolk & Western	57½
Pennsylvania Railway	117⅞
Pressed Steel	127
People's Gas	97⅜
Philadelphia & Reading	44
Southern Railway	20⅝
Southern Railway pfd	77⅜
Southern Pacific	47⅞
Tennessee Coal & Iron	33⅞
Texas & Pacific	24¾
Twin City	90½
United States Steel	10⅝
United States Steel pfd	55⅞
Union Pacific	78⅝
Wabash Railway	36¾
Wisconsin Central	16⅞
C. P. R. in London	12⅜
Commercial Cables	160

New York, Dec. 18.—Money on call, easy; highest, 5½ per cent; lowest, 2½ per cent; ruling rate, 4½ per cent; lost loan, 3 per cent; closing bid and offered, 3 per cent; time loans, steady, 60 and 90 days, 6 per cent; six months, 5 to 5½ per cent.

New York, Dec. 18.—Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent; sterling exchange, strong at $4.84 to $4.84.91 for demand, and at $4.81.40 to $4.81.45 for 60 day bills; posted rates, $4.82 to $4.85½; commercial bills, $4.81¼ to $4.81⅝; bar silver, 55¼; Mexican dollars, 38¾; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, Dec., 79⅞; old, 80; May, 82¼; July, 76⅜. Corn, Dec., 42; Jan., 41⅜; May, 43¾; July, 42½ to 42⅜. Oats, Jan., 35¼; Dec., 35¼; May, 36⅞ to 37; July, 33⅞.

New York, Dec. 18.—Lead, $4.25.

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Private Bills Notice.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the seventh day of December, 1903.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 17th day of December, 1903.

Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 24th day of December, 1903.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1903.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Dated this 30th day of November, 1903.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of William Dodds, late of 207 Fort street, Victoria, B. C., Florist, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said William Dodds, who died on the 4th day of November, 1903, are requested on or before the 21st day of December, 1903, to send by post or deliver to the undersigned solicitor for Ernest Miller Haynes, the executor of the last will of the deceased, to whom probate was granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 19th day of November, 1903, their addresses and descriptions, with full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after said date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he then shall have notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of said distribution.

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TO LET—Furnished front room, private family; $6 per month; board if desired. R. E., Colonist office. d18

TO LET—Sunny front room with board. 45 Menzies, near Drill Hall. d13

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TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

TO RENT—Furnished house, nine rooms. All modern conveniences. Everything new. Address "F.", Colonist. d19

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WANTED TO RENT—An eight-roomed modern house. Upper Fort, Yates or Pandora streets preferred. Permanent tenant. Address X. O. Q., this office.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—Ralston Health Club books, including Ralston Culture, with music. A chance to get Xmas presents cheap. Mrs. E. J. Hunt, Rockland avenue. d19

FOR SALE—Piano, iron frame, full trichord, check action, English make. Cheap. Apply X. Y., this office. d18

FOR SALE—Beautiful panel in water colors, our three cities represented by a local artist; nice for a present, at Sommers', Government street. d18

FOR SALE FOR CASH—A team of horses, weight about 2,000 lbs. Suitable for express wagon or light truck. Can be seen at Peter Hansen's stables, Discovery street. d17

FOR SALE CHEAP—Machinery for sawmill; capacity 10,000 per day. Apply Leigh Bros. sawmill. n19

FOR SALE—200 canaries; fine singers, at Mrs. Lange, 84½ Douglas street, upstairs.

FOR SALE—$1500—50 acres, 10 under cultivation, 18 slashed, burnt and seeded, small house, barn and outbuildings. Can purchase live stock and implements. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. n22

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A lodge ritual, on Yates or Government streets. Finder please return to Colonist office, and receive reward. d19

$40 REWARD—I will add $20 to the reward of $20 offered by Mr. Burton for evidence leading to conviction of party who stole holly trees from his grounds, if such evidence convicts. Also party who has stolen apricot trees from Stadacona. No doubt the thief is one and the same person. C. T. Dupont. d19

FOUND—A fox terrier, collar stencilled A. E. Owner can obtain same by paying expenses. Apply this office. d19

LOST—Short walking stick; chamois horn handle, work "Chilion" on stick. Return to Colonist office. d19

LOST—A brown spaniel pup three months old. Anyone found harboring same will be prosecuted. Reward at 225 Pandora street. d19

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FOR SALE—10 Buff Leghorn yearling hens, $8.00; 12 Buff Leghorn May pullets, $10.00; 12 mixed May pullets, $8.00. Mrs. Dyne, Saturna P. O. d17

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FOR SALE—Five-roomed cottage on Pioneer street, handy to city. Cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. s17

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FOR SALE—$1300—Five roomed cottage, bath, corner lot, on monthly instalment plan. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m13

FOR SALE—Water front lot and A1 dwelling, modern, handy to car and within 10 minutes of post office; very cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street m1

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOMS.

WANTED—By lady engaged all day, warm bed-sitting room, with use of piano. Two minutes from post office. F. A., Colonist office. n21

WANTED—Board residence in hotel or private family, for three ladies and three children. State lowest weekly terms. Must be moderate. "L.", Colonist office.

IN ORDER to prevent mistakes, the undersigned begs to say that his family name is Bulley, not de Bullie, and my father's name was Benjamin Bulley, of London, England. Arthur B. Bulley. d19

DRESSMAKING.

DRESSES MADE from $4.00; blouses, 75c.; also children's dresses made at moderate prices. First class work guaranteed. Miss Kirkwood, 67 Kane street. d17

FOR SALE—FARM LANDS.

FOR SALE—500 acre ranch; 250 acres under cultivation; 100 head stock; new buildings worth $3,000; well furnished house; 180 tons of hay in barns; 6 miles from branch line of C. P. R., near Enderby. All necessary farming implements. Terms on writing Ranch, Colonist office. d9

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FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—Swan Lake Farm, 105 acres, more or less, 2½ miles from city. For further particulars, apply to James W. Meldrum, agent for heirs. o28

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Nippon Yusen Holds Meeting

Japanese Steamship Company Have General Gathering at Tokio.

Report That Wreck of the Steamer Discovery Has Been Found.

News was brought by the Pleiades of the general meeting of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, held at Tokio on November 26th, at which President Kondo said that he entertained grave misgivings in regard to the Russo-Japanese negotiations, and that if there was more delay the foreign service of the company would be greatly affected. He hoped that an amicable settlement could be arrived at, but if the rupture actually came, the loss that would be incurred by the company was difficult to overestimate, and it was a serious mistake to presume that by a war the shipping business could benefit. Meanwhile, the company has sufficient reserves, and if hostilities were to continue for one year or two the rate of dividends would not be lowered. Mr. Kondo, in his private capacity, denied that the government subsidy to the N. K Y. was no longer necessary, and declared that it was indirectly productive for the country.

As has been reported, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has placed an order with the Mitsu Bishi Shibuilding yard at Nagasaki, for the construction of a big new steamship intended for the American service to Victoria and Seattle. The vessel will be the largest and best of the kind ever built in Japan. It will be a three-decked steel vessel, have 7,300 projected gross tonnage and 5,500 projected gross horsepower, and will be named the Tango Maru.

Regarding the line to this port and Seattle from Yokohama and Hongkong, the report said: "The Pacific ocean has become the field of acute competition among the world's shippers. The China Commercial Steamship Company, which was organized last spring, was a keen rival in the San Francisco service, and depreciation of freight rates consequent on the competition, affected the voyages to other Pacific ports. There were many seceders from the shippers' agreement and the company could not adhere to the recognized schedule of charges. Thus in spite of the fact that the volume of freight carried by the N. Y. K. American liners increased more or less, there was a decrease in the freight receipts.

In regard to passenger traffic the annual report said the Osaka exhibition caused the unusual prosperity to be noted in the passenger traffic of the coasting service, while the addition of new steamers attracted cabin passengers to the company's American service. Moreover, the announcement made by the Canadian government to raise the immigration tax next year, accounted for the great increase of steerage passengers on that line.

DISCOVERY IS FOUND.

Wreck of the Lost Steamer Said to Be Located.

According to advices from Juneau, the wreck of the lost Nome steamer Discovery is believed to have been found. An Indian from Cross Sound, not far from there, has arrived at Juneau and reports seeing the wreck of a vessel, which is without doubt that of the Discovery. The Indian describes the hull of the vessel as black and the cabin white. He says the smokestack and spars are gone, and that the bows are broken in. The United States revenue cutter Rush has gone in search of the wreck, with the Indian aboard.

The steamer Discovery was a small steamer of about 200 tons. She was built at Port Townsend in 1894. She sailed from Yakutat for Puget Sound early in October, with about thirty persons. J. Bent, a passenger on the Excelsior, arriving on the Sound November 26th, brought news that life preservers bearing the name "Discovery" were strewn along the beach near the mouth of Seal river, below Yakutat. Bent also found portions of the hull of a boat. The theory advanced at that time was that the vessel had been wrecked within a few hours after leaving Yakutat.

Cross Sound is the farthest point north where the vessels, bound from Nome or Valdez, can find a safe channel leading to the inside passage. Sometimes they go through icy straits or through passages north or south of Sitka. However, the Cross Sound passage is usually taken and it is now believed without a doubt that the Discovery was wrecked in that body of water. Near the entrance to Cross Sound there are unmarked reefs, and marine men say there are no aids to navigation. It is believed that the Discovery was heading for Juneau and attempted to make the passage during bad weather.

COTTAGE CITY SAILS.

Alaska Liner Resumes Her Service to the North.

Steamer Cottage City, Capt. D. Wallace, resumed her service to Alaskan ports yesterday, when she sailed for Skagway. The steamer called at the Ocean docks yesterday, and after spending a couple of hours there, sailed for the North. Among her passengers were John Shoenbar, a noted Boston mining expert, bound for Prince of Wales Island; John E. Lashbrook, deputy United States marshal at Skagway; W. H. Archibald, a Ketchikan business man; M. G. Rogers, a Juneau merchant, and several bound for the Klondike. As freight, the Cottage City takes large consignments of Christmas goods for various towns from Wrangel to Skagway.

The officers and crew of the Cottage City will pass their Christmas in Alaska, possibly at Juneau or Ketchikan.

THE SAILING SHIPS.

Khyber to Load on the Sound—Hydra Coming to Chemainus.

The British ship Khyber, which was to have come to Chemainus to load lumber, is now to load at Port Blakeley, on the Sound, her orders having been changed. The bark Hydra is en route to Chemainus to load at the Vancouver Island mills. She is about due from one of the nitrate ports. The ship S. D. Carleton, which is now loading lumber at Port Blakeley, is commanded by Capt. "Dad" Amesbury, father of Capt. F. W. Amesbury, of the Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring & Contracting Company, and the Tacoma Ledger says: "Captain Amesbury came into town Wednesday from New York, where he left the Hyde, having taken her around the Horn from San Francisco in the record-breaking time of 109 days. He is en route to Victoria, to visit his son, Fred Amesbury, of the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company, who is also well known in Tacoma, and who was formerly master of the British bark Puritan.

Captain Amesbury left the S. D. Carleton to go home and visit his folks, whom he had not seen for years, his ship having been engaged in running out of Tacoma for several years. Once on the Atlantic coast, however, he couldn't stay there, and wasted only a few weeks before he was headed for the West again.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Santa Ana, which has arrived from Copper river at Seattle, reports having spoken on her voyage from the North the tug Tyee, which is towing the disabled Nome freighter Meteor in from Dutch Harbor. She was in company with the Tyee and Meteor December 7th, twenty miles beyong Yakutat. The Tyee had made remarkably fast time, considering her heavy and unwieldly tow, from Dutch Harbor—as fast, in fact, as is usually made by the mail steamers plying between Valdez and Dutch harbor. All were well on board the Tyee and Meteor.

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Briggs—Did Dick go into hysterics when his fingers were shot off?

Griggs—Oh, no; Dick is always practical. He merely said as he looked at his hand, "I can't measure my drinks any more; I shall have to guess at the number of fingers I take."—Boston Transcript.

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ASK FOR THE OCTAGON BAR

Sunlight Soap washes the clothes white and won't injure the hands.

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED, TORONTO. 3a

Flora Officers Found Guilty

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Grant give the orders hard aport and full speed astern.

"I may probably be blamed for not having reduced the speed of the ship from a moderate speed of ten knots to lower. I was about to do so when I saw this object, although I believe that had the speed been altered the circumstances would not have been changed. This would not have changed the other circumstances. As for my navigation, I am a capable navigator, and I have taught Lieut. Grant much in this respect since he came under me.

"As for the charge of default, it is self-evident that the lamentable occurrence was entirely caused by the mistaking of one beacon for another. Therefore it may be possible to decide that there has been an error of judgment, but the circumstances were so peculiar that my experienced eyes were deceived as well as those of Lieut. Grant and two seamen. This result was due to the distortion in the fog, and the gull being perched on the top, which gave the appearance of a cage. I only, therefore, came to the conclusion that it was this beacon for which we were watching when the evidence of my eyes was so strong. It was purely an accident, aided by the strong easterly set, of which no mention is made in the sailing directions or charts, but which must exist, as I have been told several other vessels have gone ashore at this point.

Great stress has been laid on the fact that signalmen were doing duty as lookout men. I have trained them and found them more efficient. Had the mark seen been Base Flats beacon and the helm not been altered as it was, the ship must have gone ashore on Base Flats. I would like to state that, in my opinion, Lieut. Grant had never had any accident or difficult in the navigation of narrow waters, and has always shown great care and shrewdness. I hve never found it necessary to interfere with his pilotage. My rule is to consider the pilotage in my own mind, reasoning why any alteration in the course is made, and if I consider that any mistake was being made, I would at once question it. In conclusion, although I may have been considered to be guilty of default, I refute any accusation of neglect. The safety of the ship is as dear to me as my personal honor, and I deeply regret the occurrence. I ask His Majesty's court to acquit me of this charge, and not mar a long and sunny service which is near its close, and not mark me as an officer who has imperilled one of His Majesty's ships which I have the honor to command."

Lieut. Grant, the navigating officer, spoke similarly in his defence. He said he felt his position most keenly. When the anchor was raised, he gave the order, "Hard aport," and steadied the Flora in a course set south 60 degrees. He noticed Denman Island open on the port bow. The course he set would enable him to clear Village Point and pick up the beacon at Base Flats, taking into consideration the fact that the tide was ebbing and the set to the northeast. Two days previous to the accident he made use of the marks used to set his course on this occasion. The leadsmen had, as the evidence showed, obtained a sounding of twelve fathoms, which fact shows that the ship was not to the eastward of her course then. He did not consider a patent log any aid in navigating such narrow waters. He noticed the fog rolling up the Sound and warned the helmsman to keep the course and ordered the signalman to look out for the beacon. He knew that the spar buoy was difficult to see, and did not regard it as much of an aid to navigation. He did not expect to see it, and gave orders to look out for the black beacon which marks Base Flats. He had gone to the chart room to verify the course, and when he came out the signalman reported that the black beacon had been sighted. Then came the unlucky circumstances. The reported beacon was sighted and, backed by his own eyesight and that of his captain and two seamen, he was positive in his mind that this was the beacon they were looking for. If it had been this beacon—which it turned out not to be—the ship would have gone ashore on Base Flat had not he altered the course and he gave the order to starboard fifteen degrees.

The court, he said, might wonder how four people could be deceived by this beacon, but, he went on, this spar buoy was hard to pick up even in clear weather. He knew that and did not expect to sight it. It was then standing vertically and its size was out of proportion in the fog. Added to that there was a white shape on top which lead them to believe it was the white cage of the Base Flat beacon—a shape which turned out to be a sea gull perched on top.

He had every reason to believe that the ship was past Village point. She had been running for fifteen minutes at 72 revolutions, which was slightly over ten knots, and the only beacon he expected to see was on Base flats. Had any one of these unfortunate circumstances been absent the accident would not have occurred. He realized the mistake when the beacon was brought abeam and at once ordered the helm hard a port and the engines reversed full speed astern. The charge of neglect he refuted, but the charge of default might be brought home, but he denied that he had hazarded the ship under the circumstances and he thought the charge would not be proven.

He submitted in conclusion that he was at the outset of his career, and that his captain had given evidence of his ability. He hoped the court would dismiss the idea of neglect and look upon the matter with a view to the unfortunate surrounding circumstances. He asked to bring to the attention of the court also that he had received a certificate for his ability as a navigator, although it had been lost together with his other private papers.

Then, after these addresses had been made to the court the two officers on trial asked to testify in their own behalf. It was decided that each would be called by the other for the defence and Lieut. Grant was then sworn, and under examination by his fellow prisoner, Capt. Baker, he said he had starboarded the helm fifteen degrees when the beacon, or supposed beacon was sighted because taking it, as he did, for Base Flat beacon he starboarded to get into the middle of the channel and shaped his proper course to clear the ship on the instant. If this mark had been correctly made out as Village point spar buoy, he would have put the helm hard a port. He considered that would have cleared the ship from danger. He could have passed to starboard of the buoy by over half a cable. When the beacon was sighted he thought the vessel had passed Village point, basing that belief on the assumption that he knew that the ship had been going ten knots since 7:45 a. m. and that eight bells (8 o'clock) had been struck, he concluded that the ship had run for two miles, the distance that lay between Union wharf and Village point reef. Describing the appearance of Base Flat beacon, he said it was a pile beacon with a white disc on top. The appearance of the beacon sighted, as it looked to him, seemed to be a post four or five feet high with something white on top. It was vertical. The beacon had been sighted shortly after eight beels. During the time he had served under command of Capt. Baker as navigator he had been improved in skill by the advice and instructions of the commander. He had worked a dead reckoning on the data secured from the engine room registers and ship's logs on the date in question from the time of leaving Union until the time of sighting the beacon. This reckoning rests on the fact that 72 revolutions gives a good ten knots and that at 7:45 the engines were started

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 18.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The weather is becoming unsettled along the coast in advance of an ocean low barometer area now off Vancouver Island. With the exception of showers on the Lower Mainland the weather has been fair over the North Pacific Coast, while in California it is raining. In the Territories and Manitoba the temperature ranges from 16 to 20 above zero.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	37	45
New Westminster	38	40
Kamloops	26	30
Barkerville	14	24
Dawson	— 2	4
Calgary	8	26
Winnipeg	14	20
Portland, Ore.	40	46
San Francisco	48	48

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Saturday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds chiefly easterly or southerly, unsettled and mild with showers.

Lower Mainland: Winds chiefly easterly or southerly, unsettled with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	40	Mean	41
Noon	43	Highest	45
5 p.m.	42	Lowest	37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... Calm.
Noon ..... 2 miles northeast.
5 p.m. ..... 8 miles north.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.896
Corrected 29.920

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 29.96

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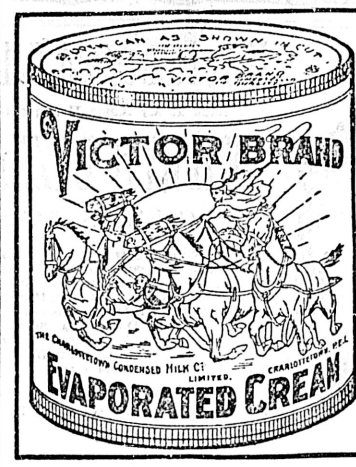

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